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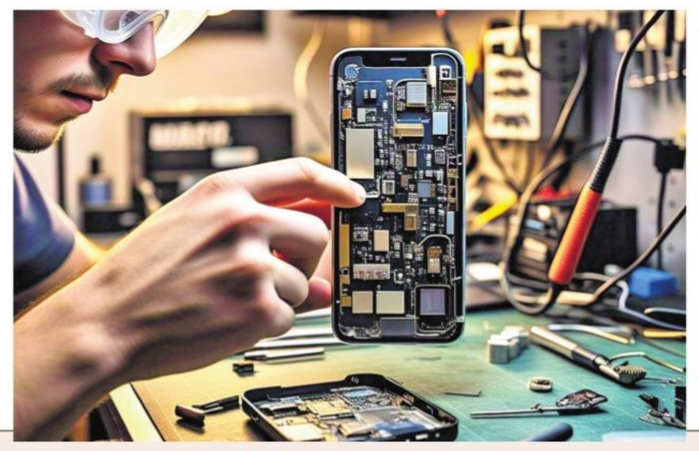

NOW, REPAIRABILITY INDEX FOR SMARTPHONES IN THE OFFING

Smartphone and tablet manufacturers will soon have to rate their products on a repairability index to help consumers make informed choices

'TECH ENSURES PRODUCTS HAVE SHORT LIVES'

A government panel on Friday submitted a report recommending introduction of the index. "Companies are not manufacturing devices for life. They are actually forcing consumers to buy another product as they have planned for their obsolescence. Technology has made sure products have short lifespans," said Nidhi Khare, Consumer Affairs Secretary

FIVE-POINT RATING SCALE BEING CONSIDERED

- The panel has recommended a five-point rating scale that should be prominently displayed at points of sale, on packaging, and websites
- The rating will be based on parameters including repairability of key components like display, batteries, camera, and speakers; ease of disassembly; availability of spare parts; and software update policies

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COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ON FAULTY REPAIR ECOSYSTEMS

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VIZHINJAM SEAPORT COMMISSIONED

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and others during the inauguration of the Vizhinjam International Seaport, in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday | PTI | P5

NIA sees Pak Army hand in Pahalgam terror attack

Preliminary report points to role of LeT, ISI, and Pak Army: Sources

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE April 22 Pahalgam attack was perpetrated by the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and the Pak Army, according to a preliminary report prepared by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Sources said the report mentions the conspiracy behind the brutal attack, in which 26 people were killed, was hatched by the LeT with directions and support from the ISI and the Pak Army.

The preliminary probe found the involvement of around 20 active Kashmir Valley over ground workers (OGWs) in providing logistics support to the terrorists.

OGW is a term used by security agencies to refer to people who provide logistics support to militants and assist them in their surreptitious movement.

According to NIA sources, the identified OGWs are currently being intensely interrogated. During interrogation, it was revealed that both the main attackers were in touch with their Pakistani-based handlers and they received specific instructions on the timing, logistics, and execution.

NIA sleuths will also question two key OGWs—Nisar Ahmad alias Haji and Mushtaq Hussain—who are currently lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail in Jammu to ferret out information from them.

"The duo are known associates of LeT and were earlier arrested for their role in aiding terrorists involved in the 2023 attack on Army convoys in Bhata Dhurian and Totagali," a source said.

According to the NIA report, two prime suspects identified as Hashmi Musa (alias Suleman) and Ali Bhai (alias Talha Bhai) are Pakistani nationals.

The NIA sleuths also performed a 3D mapping of the attack site and extracted dump data from mobile towers around the valley, sources said.

"Satellite phone activity in the region spiked in the days leading up to the attack. At least three satellite phones were operational in and around Baisaran and signals from two have been traced and analysed," said an official.

TERRORISTS ENTERED KASHMIR WEEKS AGO

NIA found the terrorists entered Kashmir weeks before the attack and were helped by a network of OGWs, who gave them all the logistics support including shelter, navigation, and reconnaissance

RECCE AT 4 PLACES, INCLUDING BAISARAN

NIA said the terrorists reached Pahalgam around April 15 and did recce at Baisaran Valley, Aru Valley, Betaab Valley, and an amusement park. They chose Baisaran due to thin security

SHEHBAZ SEEKS HELP FROM MUSLIM NATIONS

Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif on Friday urged Muslim countries, including Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Kuwait, to impress upon India to de-escalate and defuse tensions, reports said

YATNAL'S CHALLENGE

Min offers to resign, Speaker rejects letter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

TEXTILES and Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil on Friday submitted his resignation as MLA, accepting Vijayapura MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal's challenge to contest against him. He submitted his resignation letter to Assembly Speaker UT Khader. Khader, however, rejected his conditional resignation that his letter should be accepted only if Yatnal resigns as Vijayapura MLA to contest against him in the event of a byelection. Khader stated that it is not possible to accept Shivananda Patil's resignation this manner.

Three days ago, Yatnal, a bitter political rival of Patil and Hungund MLA Vijayanand Kashappanavar, reportedly challenged them to quit as MLAs and contest against him. Yatnal had alleged that Patil's real surname was 'Hachdadh', but he got it changed to Patil for the sake of votes. "If Patil has guts, he should resign as Basavanabagewadi MLA. I too will resign as MLA and let him contest the election to the Assembly from Basavanabagewadi," Yatnal had said.

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Herald case: Rahul, Sonia receive court notices

SHEKHAR SINGH @ New Delhi

A Delhi court on Friday issued notice to Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi in the National Herald money laundering case, stating that the accused have the right to be heard before cognizance is taken and that this right is crucial for ensuring a fair trial.

Notices were also sent to senior Congress leader Sam Pitroda, Suman Dubey, Sunil Bhandari and firms Young Indian and Dotex Merchandise Pvt Ltd.

Special Judge (PC Act) Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Court said," "Right to be heard at any stage breathes life into fair trial," posting the matter on May 8.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, said he supported issuing notice in line with Section 223, as clarified in the Tarsem Lal judgment.

The judge noted that the complaint was at the stage of notice consideration. He explained that the question was whether Section 223 required notice to be issued to the accused before cognisance. The court held that it did, and the provision was not inconsistent with PMLA.

The National Herald case revolves around a ₹90 crore loan extended by the Congress party to Associated Journals Ltd (AJL), which owns National Herald newspaper. This loan was transferred to Young Indian for a mere ₹50 lakh.

The Enforcement Directorate alleged that this deal led to wrongful acquisition of assets worth over ₹2,000 crore.

ACCOUNTABILITY PUSH

CWC meet calls for fitting reply to Pak terror groups

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

URGING the Centre to act with firmness in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack and penalise Pakistan, a resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Friday said this is an opportune time to demonstrate the nation's collective will to teach the neighbouring country a lesson for its export of terror.

In another resolution, the party asked the government to announce a "clear timeline" for every stage of the caste census.

The meeting chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also pressed for time-bound accountability into "serious lapses" in security and intelligence in one of the most heavily-guarded regions of the country.

"The masterminds and perpetrators of this cowardly attack must face full consequences for their actions. The Congress urges the Government of India to act with firmness, strategic clarity and international coordination to isolate and penalise Pakistan for its continued export of terror into our territory," the resolution said. The meeting was attended by former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

In the second resolution on caste census, the party said it believed that the model followed by Telangana provided an effective and inclusive framework the government of India must emulate. The resolution also sought removal of the 50% ceiling on reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs.

Consult all parties on caste survey: Congress

New Delhi: The Congress on Friday said that the caste census process must be transparent and inclusive at every step. "All political parties must be taken into full confidence. Parliament must immediately have a debate on this crucial matter."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Parliamentary party chair Sonia Gandhi and LoP Rahul Gandhi at the meeting in New Delhi on Friday | PRAVEEN NEGI

DK bandh against VHP activist's murder near total

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada observed a near total bandh on Friday in response to a call given by VHP to condemn its activist Suhas Shetty's murder, which is alleged to be to avenge lynching of Ashraf from Kerala during a cricket match in the city on April 27. Tension prevails in Coastal Karnataka after Shetty's murder. On Friday, one stabbing, one each assault and attempt to assault incidents were reported in the region.

Hindutva activists protested in Kadaba by burning tyres on the road. They demanded that those who had murdered Shetty be arrested at the earliest.

VHP members take the body of Suhas Shetty to his hometown in Bantwal in a massive procession | EXPRESS

The CCTV footage of assailants hacking Shetty to death and another unconfirmed footage of some people attacking a man have gone viral.

Public transport came to a halt in Dakshina Kannada after a few KSRTC and private buses were damaged by protesters in the morning. Shops and other business establishments and cinemas were shut, while most banks functioned as usual.

After the postmortem, Shetty's body was taken to Karinja in Bantwal taluk by an ambulance that was followed by many BJP workers and Hindutva activists. Hundreds of BJP workers paid their last respects to Shetty.

Several BJP and Hindutva leaders leaders, including state unit president BY Vijayendra, Union minister Shobha Karandlaje, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka, MLC CT Ravi, and MLA Basavaraj Patil Yatnal, Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, and VHP organising general secretary Milind Paranade, also paid last respects to Shetty.

Vijayendra announced an ex gratia of Rs 25 lakh to Shetty's kin from his party.

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EXPRESS READ

Centre calls irrigation meet of 4 south states

Hyderabad: Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil will convene a meeting of the irrigation ministers of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on May 7 to discuss the publication of the award of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal 2 (Brijesh Kumar Tribunal).

3 Indians sentenced to death in Indonesia

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday directed the Indian Consulate in Indonesia to ensure three Indian nationals sentenced to death in Indonesia for natcotics-related offences be given adequate legal aid to pursue remedies. The trio was sentenced to death on April 25.

SSLC pass percentage up by 9; 22 score 625/625

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TWENTY-TWO students have scored 625/625 in this year's SSLC Exam 1 compared to last year's one. Results of the exam were declared on Friday.

In all, 75% of students secured first class. The overall pass percentage, including freshers and repeaters, rose to 62.34, marking an approximate 9% jump from last year's 53%, School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa said.

Continuing the trend, girls outperformed boys with a pass percentage of 74. In all, 8.42 lakh students appeared for the exam. Of them, 7.90 lakh were regular fresh candidates.

The state recorded a pass percentage of 66.14 of regular fresh students. "Over 7.90 lakh regular fresh students appeared for the exam, with 66.14% or about 5.23 lakh clearing it. The number of high scorers rose significantly --10.53% of students scored between 90 and 100% -- nearly double of last year's 5.58%," Bangarappa said.

In 2024, 8.9 lakh students registered for the SSLC exam and the overall pass percentage was 53.40. However, after awarding 20% grace marks, the final percentage touched 73. "Unlike last year, no grace marks were awarded this year. However, the department continued the common practice of passing borderline students. In all, 13,000 students, who fell short by one or two marks, were promoted," Bangarappa said.

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GIRL, 3, YOUNGEST TO 'TAKE' SANTHARA FAST UNTO DEATH

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A three-year terminally ill child in Indore became the youngest to 'embrace death' through the Jain practice of Santhara. She passed away on March 21 minutes after the ceremony ended.

Santhara or Sallekhana is a voluntary practice of fast unto death, which is undertaken when the end is imminent. But since patient Viyana Jain was just three, she couldn't have taken the decision voluntarily. It was her parents Varsha and Piyush Jain, both techies, who took the call following advice from Jain guru Rajesh Muni Maharaj.

Significantly, Santhara was declared illegal by the Rajasthan High Court in August 2015. The court made it punishable under Section 306 of the IPC (abetment of suicide).

The order had triggered massive protests by the Jains, who argued that while suicide was a sin, Santhara was a religious practice for self-purification. A month later, the Supreme Court suspended the Rajasthan High Court's order.

Viyana was diagnosed with brain tumour in December last year and underwent surgery in Mumbai in January.

"After surgery her condition improved, but a couple of months later, it started deteriorating following relapse of the brain tumour. We took her to our Jain guru on March 21. He told us her end was near and recommended Santhara," said Varsha over phone.

Varsha claimed that the guru holds a PhD in Santhara and had helped 107 individuals undergo Santhara. "We agreed with a heavy heart. Within 10 minutes after the Santhara ritual chanting of mantras, Viyana breathed last," she recalled. "I keep visiting orphanages. She loved feeding cows and pigeons, we're continuing it. It's my dream to undertake a major tree plantation in her memory in future," Varsha said.

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- **Saturday:** 03.05.2025 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttarayana
- **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Vaishaka • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Shashti 1.06 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Punarvasu 5.37 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
- **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 33°C

FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise	05.58 am
Sunset	06.35 pm
Moonrise	11.08 am
Moonset	12.23 pm

Lightning streaks the evening sky, and rain lashes over Bengaluru on Friday evening, ending a humid spell of weather. Over the next few days, Bengaluru can expect cloudy skies, rain and thundershowers during the afternoon or evening, with the IMD issuing a yellow alert for the next four days | ALLEN EGENUSE J

SCORING BIG, DREAMING BIGGER

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FROM the daughter of a paan shop owner to the son of a carpenter, daughters of farmers and powerloom workers, six girls and one boy from Bengaluru were among the 22 students who scored a perfect 625 out of 625 in this year's SSLC exams.

The toppers told TNIE how they focused on understanding the core concepts rather than memorizing information. Of the seven toppers, five expressed plans to pursue science, with aspirations ranging from careers in medicine and UPSC to scientific research.

DAD'S EARNINGS FUELLED INTEREST IN ACCOUNTANCY

Dhanalakshmi M, a student of St Yash Public High School near Magadi Road, has set her sights on becoming a chartered accountant, an interest shaped by her father SR Mohan, who runs a small paan shop in the city. "He would often talk about how he manages daily accounts and keeps track of his earnings. That's how I got interested in accountancy," she said. Originally from Hassan district, her family moved to Bengaluru to ensure that Dhanalakshmi had access to better education and exposure. Dhanalakshmi said her focus on studies came from personal interest, not pressure. "My parents never forced me to study. I have always liked it and wanted to do well," she said.

WANTS TO LIFT PARENTS' FINANCIAL BURDEN

Madhusudhan Raju S, a student of MES Kishore Kendra High School, Malleswaram, said he dedicated at least seven hours a day to studies, but never expected to score a perfect 100 in Science and English. "I knew I had worked hard, but I didn't think I'd get full marks," he told TNIE. His father works as a carpenter, and mother is a homemaker. Madhusudhan said his parents' constant support kept him going. "My parents always encouraged me. I want to choose a career — either in science or commerce — that will help me take on financial responsibilities and ease my parents' burden," he said.

AIMS TO BECOME FIRST DOCTOR FROM FAMILY

C Bhavana, a student of Neelagirishwara Vidyaniketana High School, Devanahalli, is determined to become the first doctor in her family. The daughter of a powerloom worker, Bhavana said she has always been drawn to public service and wants to make a difference through healthcare. "I want to be the first doctor in my family. I believe public care and service are important, and I want to contribute to that," she told, adding that she hopes to set an example for her younger sister, now in Class 3. "I want to inspire her. When I would see students scoring 100, I always wished I could do that one day," she said.

WISHES TO SERVE KARNATAKA AS IAS OFFICER

Ranjitha AC, a student of Sri Chandrashekaranath Swamiji English Medium Rural High School, Doddaballapur, comes from a family of farmers. Ranjitha aims to pursue science, with the long-term goal of clearing the UPSC exams. "I want to represent Karnataka and become an IAS officer," she said. Her interest in civil services comes from a desire to work closely with people and bring about meaningful change, she said.

Other toppers from Bengaluru include Jahnavi SN from Vijaya Bharathi Vidyalaya High School, Girinagar, Namitha from Matha National English High School, Kalyan Nagar, and Yuktha S from Holy Child English High School, Banashankari 1st Stage.

PERFECT SCORES

This year also saw a surge in perfect scores — 17,909 students scored 100 in the third language, while 9,573 secured 125/125 in the first language. In subjects such as science, the number of students scoring 100 saw a sharp rise— from just 277 last year to 2,451 this year. Similarly, in mathematics, only 784 students scored full marks last year, compared to 3,262 this year. As many as 921 schools recorded 100% results, while 144 recorded 0 pass percentage.

GENDER AND AREA-WISE RESULTS

Of the total regular students, 3.90 lakh were boys, with 2.26 lakh of them passing the exam. Of the 4 lakh girls, 2.96 lakh cleared the exam. In terms of region-wise performance, the pass percentage in urban areas stood at 67.05, slightly higher than rural areas, which recorded 65.47.

TOP SCORING DISTS	
Dakshina Kannada	91.12%
Udupi	89.96%
Uttara Kannada	83.19%
Shivamogga	82.29%

LOW SCORING DISTS	
Kalaburagi	42.43%
Vijayapura	49.58%
Yadgir	51.6%
Raichur	52.05%

TIMETABLE FOR EXAM 2

Bangarappa announced the timetable for the SSLC Exam 2. It will be held from **May 26** to **June 2**. Exam 3 will be held from June 23 to **June 30**.

- **MAY 26:** Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, English, English (NCERT), Sanskrit.
- **MAY 27:** Mathematics, Sociology.
- **MAY 28:** English, Kannada.
- **MAY 29:** Social Science.
- **MAY 30:** Hindi, Hindi (NCERT), Kannada, English, Arabic, Urdu, Sanskrit, Konkani, Tulu.
- **MAY 31:** Science, Political Science, Hindustani Music, Carnatic Music.
- **JUNE 2:** Elements of Electrical Engineering - IV, Elements of Mechanical Engineering - IV, Elements of Electronics Engineering - IV, Programming in ANSI 'C', Economics

PIC: UDAYASHANKAR S

Dhanush who secured 625 marks, celebrate with family in Mysuru on Friday

RESULT DETAILS

Of the total private fresh candidates, **13,154** appeared, but only **1,072** passed. Performance of regular repeater students remained low — of the **33,952** regular repeaters, only **628** cleared the exam, while just **209** of the **4,177** private repeaters managed to pass.

SCHOOL-WISE RESULTS

Of the **15,883** schools, unaided institutions recorded the highest pass percentage of 75.59. In government schools, of the 3.21 lakh students, 2.01 lakh passed with a pass percentage of 62.7. Aided schools recorded a pass percentage of 58.97.

This year, **4,553** differently-abled students appeared for the SSLC exam. Of them, **2,633** passed, recording a pass percentage of **58.83.**

ONE MOBILE APP

KSEAB has launched Karnataka One mobile app to enable students to apply for scanned copies, revaluation, and retotalling of marks of their SSLC exam papers

BBMP HIGH SCHOOLS RECORD 55.78% PASS RATE THIS YEAR

Bengaluru: BBMP education department which has 33 high schools under its jurisdiction, registered a pass percentage of 55.78% . A total of 2,257 students appeared for the examination, and 1,759 students passed. Among the students who studied in BBMP schools, 78 students passed with distinction by scoring 85% and above. The BBMP Basavanagudi High School achieved a 100% pass percentage. BBMP Shanti Nagar High School secured second place with a result of 88.89% and BBMP Srirampur High School secured the third position with a passing percentage of 86.21%. The BBMP will honour the students who passed with the distinction with Rs 25,000.

RAIN EXPOSES BBMP'S APATHY AS PARTS OF CITY FLOOD AGAIN

BBMP says garbage dumping in drains key cause of flooding

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Vehicles on a flooded road at Yelachenahalli in Bengaluru| EXPRESS

HEAVY rain that lashed Bengaluru on Thursday has once again exposed BBMP's apathy in clearing silt from drains, addressing encroachments on water bodies, and the lack of preparedness. Fayazabad and Krishnanagar areas of the Yelachenahalli BBMP ward in Bengaluru South were flooded following the rain. A mere 17.8-mm of rainfall within an hour was enough to turn roads into rivers.

Gulab Pasha, a social activist, said, "The matter was brought to BBMP's attention last year. Around 1.5 acres of a small pond have been encroached upon. A major stormwater drain along which BWSSB's sewage and drinking water pipelines run for nearly 400 meters frequently gets clogged, leading to flood-like situations."

BBMP officials, however, blamed the residents for the flooding. They said the improper solid waste disposal by the public, dumping garbage into drains in upstream areas in particular, was a key reason. They also pointed to the narrowing of the drain near Umar Masjid in Kanakanagar, which worsens the situation downstream.

Srilakshmi, Executive Engineer, Stormwater Drains Department, BBMP, said, "At one point, the drain narrows to just 1.5 feet. Last year, a 40-foot-wide road was developed, and parallel drains were connected to reduce flooding during rains. For now, the only solution is weekly desilting until the end of the monsoon season."

Another BBMP official said they had been working in the ward for the past year and had not received any formal complaints regarding the encroachment. "If a small pond exists, we will explore reclaiming it and using the area for flood mitigation," the official said.

However, the residents remain dissatisfied with BBMP's response."They collect taxes, therefore, it is their responsibility to fix the issue and find a long-term solution. This area falls near Kanakapura Road and is part of Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's home constituency. If he truly cares, this issue can be resolved quickly," said a woman activist from the area.

EXPRESS READ

Bengaluru Habba, IIFA to be held in Dec or Jan

Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday announced that the Bengaluru Habba and the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards event would be held in December this year or January 2026. He said that Telangana edition of IIFA event had a fashion show segment, which would not be included here. He has asked the organisers not to hold events in October due to Dasara celebrations.

Rao to be full-time BBMP chief commissioner

Bengaluru: The state government on Friday issued orders appointing senior IAS officer Maheshwar Rao as the full-time Chief Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP). Rao, who is also the Managing Director of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), has been placed in concurrent charge as the head of BMRCL.

Talks on to include Anekal in Greater Bengaluru, says DCM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday said there was pressure from leaders such as Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, former Bengaluru Rural MP D K Suresh, Anekal MLA B Shivanna, and others to include Anekal in Bengaluru, and that discussions are currently under way in this regard.

Speaking after the inauguration and foundation stone-laying ceremony for nearly 78 works in the Hennagara Gram Panchayat limits of Anekal taluk on Friday, he also said that Cauvery water connections and Metro lines will be extended to Anekal.

"Discussions are under way to include Anekal in Greater Bengaluru. We will consult all MLAs and take a collective decision. Suresh and Ramalinga Reddy are pressuring us to supply Cauvery water to this area. A tender has been floated to provide 30 MLD of water to Anekal taluk. A discussion on this will be held with MLA Shivanna. A detailed project report (DPR) is being prepared to extend the Metro rail line to Jigani, Anekal, Sarjapur, and Bannerghatta," he said. He said the government is committed to the development of this constituency. Reacting to the Opposition's criticism that development work has been stalled due to the guarantee schemes, he said, "Our government has presented a budget of Rs 4 lakh crore, and a Bhoomi Puja was recently held in Kalaburagi for a road development project worth Rs 1,100 crore in rural areas." He also noted that Rs 16 crore has been allocated to Anekal taluk.

He urged the public to support the Congress party candidate D K Suresh. "Some of you may have defeated Suresh earlier, but he has continued working with great commitment for Anekal," he said.

He congratulated Hennagara Gram Panchayat members for achieving Rs 25 crore in tax collection against a target of Rs 40 crore. He even praised the Panchayat for offering an incentive of Rs 5 per litre, on par with the government, to dairy farmers.

Lashing out at BJP, he said that the rise in prices of essential commodities is the result of the increase in petrol and diesel prices, for which he held the Centre responsible.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

03rd May: A number of people have inquired about whether it is possible to have a star named after them - or their favourite people. The short answer is that it is, but the longer answer is that such names are not recognised by the International Astronomers Union, which regulates such things. You could find that one company names the star after you, but another names the same star after someone completely different!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This is a period which favours freedom, independence and far-sighted ambitions. There are also, conveniently enough, a spate of enjoyable planetary patterns which encourages treats and self-indulgence! My only words of advice are to avoid risks, emotional ones included, and attend to demands from children immediately.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
All Taureans who are moving home, or making major personal changes, deserve congratulations for being so utterly in tune with the cosmos. The rest of you must find ways to radically smarten up your domestic conditions and improve your family relationships.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
By the time the Sun makes its next important alignment, all that needs to be said should have been said. This is no time to stand on ceremony, and a relaxed and informal approach will help to put everyone at their ease. Short journeys may be necessary, so don't put them off until later.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your finances deserve the top priority but it really doesn't matter whether you're saving or spending. On balance it looks as if extravagance is the favoured option, just as long as you don't object to paying over the odds. What you really need is value for money.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Today's lunar alignments really do give suitable pause for thought. Your planetary influences show unrestrained emotion and passion, and you will have to respond in whatever way suits you best. You might even have to tell other people what they want to hear.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Although it looks as if you may be trying to keep something secret, I don't think you'll succeed, at least not just yet. There are two ideal ways to maximise today's planetary energies - get involved in charitable ventures, and pursue a deepening mystery.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
When the chips are down you always do your best. This is a time to put yourself out on behalf of others, so don't feel exploited. Stormy social stars could provide a number of unexpected encounters, and a new, unusual, person could be walking into your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's something rather majestic about some of today's celestial events, although that doesn't mean you're going to have an easy ride. Your crisis management skills could be in great demand over the next forty-eight hours, to everybody's benefit!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Two regions of your solar chart are now highlighted, emphasising long-distance travel and adventurous activities on the one hand, career and public ambitions on the other. Where these overlap, you will find your greatest personal success. It's all rather enigmatic!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The sheer length of time you've been pursuing your current course is now one of your greatest assets. You could soon be moving to a new level of personal fulfilment and emotional satisfaction. Plus, travel plans may need checking, or even revising.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Today and tomorrow see the echoes of a series of tough and uncompromising planetary aspects that have been colouring your personal affairs for some while. Now is the time to separate ties and associations which are to continue, from those which may be dropped.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
No doubt many of you will be keeping busy today but, one by one, Pisceans have been falling by the wayside and I know that a good rest is now a vital requirement. Old and trusted friends make the best companions, and a touch of nostalgia will suit your mood.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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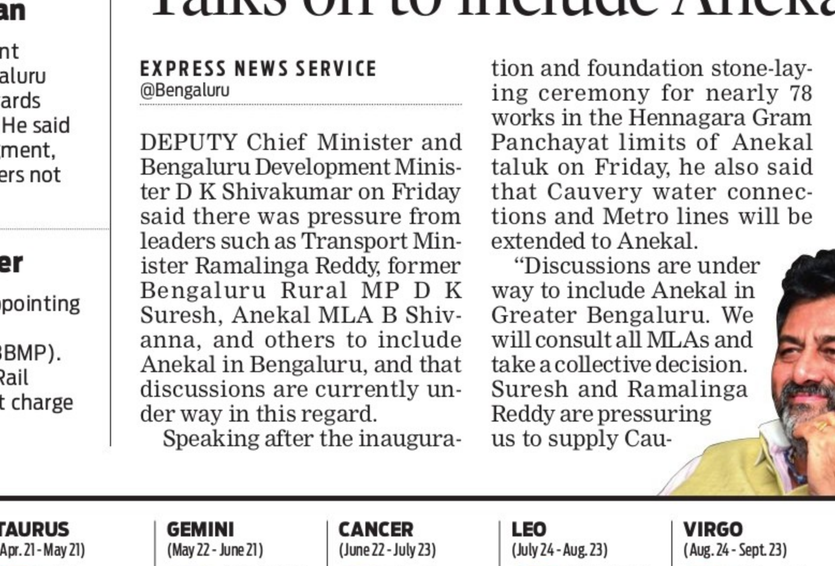

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12 I mention novel straightaway (2,2,4)
13 Bird on the shoulder of US colonel (5)
15 Extravagant academic exploit (7)
17 A number in view having unequal sides (7)
19 A Parliamentary term? (7)
21 Remarked on every dude in fancy dress (7)
22 Atypical rascal (5)
24 Doctor is in the wrong when he's driving (8)
27 They have their supporters - hosts of them (9)
28 Bridal path (5)
29 Return tender love (4)
30 Mere agents might make them (10)

DOWN

1 Dance with a girl's best friend (4)
2 Dressed up nurses out and active (9)
3 Determined to fight (3-2)
4 Two simultaneously for instance? (2,1,4)
5 They dress in blue - not silver (7)
7 Performing dog in variety (5)
8 Composer to drive men to distraction (10)
9 Enjoyed by sky-divers without cost before autumn (4,4)
14 A sign of possession (10)
16 All things stemming from Eve's ruin (8)
18 The family man most likely to succeed (6,3)
20 Type of magenta identification label (4,3)
21 Performer's attire's fantastic (7)
23 Actress has nothing to boast about (5)
25 It's true the head of the monarchy has it (5)
26 He has writing dictated by the height of fashion (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Jackpot, 5 Scrum, 8 Magnified, 9 Men, 10 Sack, 12 Learning, 14 Ronald, 15 Wander, 17 Idolater, 18 True, 21 Eva, 22 Undershot, 24 Title, 25 Melissa.

Down: 1 Jambs, 2 Cog, 3 Pail, 4 Toiler, 5 Side road, 6 Remainder, 7 Manager, 11 Consonant, 13 Pleasure, 14 Raiment, 16 Seldom, 19 Extra, 20 Oral, 23 Has.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GECKO SNARL BITTER GROWTH
Answer: For the songwriting guitarist, it was all about finding the right notes to — STRING TOGETHER

The 'Pincode' app, a hyperlocal e-commerce application powered by PhonePe, has launched a 24-hour online medicine delivery service in Bengaluru, Mumbai and Pune, ensuring round-the-clock availability of medicines (OTC and prescription). Customers can now place orders for medicines at any time and receive delivery within 10 minutes from their nearest medical shop, a press release said.

Bike-borne man molests woman near tech park

No help comes from passersby despite her pleas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 26-year-old working woman was allegedly molested by a motorcycle-borne miscreant in the city on Wednesday night.

The incident happened in front of the main gate of high-security Ecoworld Tech Park in Devarabisanahalli around 11.40 pm. The accused misbehaved with her not once, but twice.

The accused, who came from behind sped away, after spanking her. He returned to the spot and spanked her again. After doing this, he stood a few metres away and kept staring at her for a few minutes.

Though the woman sought help from passersby to catch the accused, who stood staring at her, nobody paid heed to her requests. The victim, a resident of Bhoganahalli, told police that the accused wore a purple T-shirt.

She told reporters that the incident happened when she was walking in the high surveillance area of Ecoworld Tech Park. "It is surprising that in such a high surveillance area, a guy could do such an act. There were security guards every few metres. That itself is a testimony to the fact that such incidents happen no matter how much security and safety we have," she said.

She said she was shocked after the accused slapped her bottom. She thought the rider was drunk. But he took a U-turn a few metres away and returned to slap her again.

"Then, I was sure that it was done deliberately. I shouted for help. It is a bustling area. I stopped auto drivers, I stopped people coming out of the tech park seeking help. With no help coming, I called the police," she said.

Special teams have been formed to trace the accused. The Whitefield division deputy commissioner of police spoke to her. The police are analysing the CCTV footage obtained from the spot.

A case of assault or use of criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty (BNS 74) and stalking (BNS78) have been registered against the accused.

ON TOP OF THE GAME

RCB's star batter Devdutt Padikkal during the practice session on Friday, on the eve of their IPL match against CSK at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR.T

HC dismisses Bhavani Revanna's plea on behalf of son Prajwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by Bhavani Revanna seeking permission for her son, former MP Prajwal Revanna, to engage a counsel of his choice. She also sought certified copies of the order passed by the special court on April 28 on the application filed by her son seeking transfer of the case of rape to a different court.

The petition is not entertained. The court is dismissing it and the reasons will follow, said Justice S Vishwajith Shetty after hearing the arguments of the petitioner and prosecution.

A senior advocate appearing for Bhavani argued that her son may go unrepresented as his lawyer retired from the case on April 23. They are trying to engage an advocate for Prajwal, but it has not materialised for various reasons including perusal of documents that are voluminous.

Another senior counsel for the prosecution argued that the lawyer who is said to have retired continues to represent Prajwal in other cases. The petitioner's act is a fraud played on the court and an abuse of the process of the court, which is an appropriate case to initiate contempt against the petitioner. She is a stranger, not an accused in this case. She has no locus standi. In another case, she is accused of interfering and tampering with witnesses even before the complaint was filed. If the petitioner is allowed, it will be like opening floodgates and this method will be adopted in every rape case. Apart from indulging in malicious mudslinging by making allegations against the trial judge, they have been stalling the progress of the case involving the domestic servant, who is a victim, he argued.

Godown blast: Two succumb to burns

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@ Bengaluru

TWO victims out of 12 people, who were injured in a major fire accident at a bed manufacturing godown at Bommanahalli on Sunday afternoon, succumbed to burn wounds.

The deceased are Guru Prasad, 30, a native of Tamil Nadu, and Sharana Basappa, 30, from Raichur. Prasad, who was working in a private bank, was residing in a paying guest accommodation in Bommanahalli and he succumbed on Monday. Basappa, a construction labourer, succumbed to injuries on Thursday.

The fire broke out around 2.30 pm on Sunday. Victims who were staying in the neighbourhood, fearing that the fire might spread to their houses started dousing it. Reportedly due to a cylinder explosion inside the godown, the fire spread fast injuring those who were fighting it. The Bommanahalli police who have registered a case against the godown owner Wasim, 35, have arrested him.

33-year-old Vijay Kumar, a resident of NGR Layout, who was also dousing the fire, has filed a complaint in this regard. "I am still undergoing treatment in Victoria Hospital. I am out of danger. On the day of the incident, I was going with my friend Tausif Ahmed to a salon and saw the fire," Kumar said.

All 12 people including the the deceased were trying to douse the fire. Two fire tenders were pressed into service. All the injured are undergoing treatment in Victoria and other hospitals.

Plaint against Sonu Nigam for 'provocative' remarks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

President of Bengaluru City District Unit of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike A Dharmaraj has filed a complaint against popular singer Sonu Nigam for allegedly making objectionable and emotionally provocative statements during a musical event at a private engineering college at Virgonagar on April 25. The complaint was filed on Friday in Avalahalli police station. However, no case has been registered.

The complainant has stated that the singer's statements have deeply hurt the sentiments of the Kannadiga community, incited hatred among various linguistic communities in Karnataka, and are likely to provoke violence. A video of Sonu Nigam's statement has gone viral.

"During the musical event, a student requested Sonu Nigam to sing a Kannada song. In response, Sonu Nigam made an objectionable statement, saying, 'Kannada, Kannada, Kannada, this is exactly why the incident happened in Pahalgam'. He referenced the terrorist attack that happened in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on April 22, 2025, where 26 tourists were killed. By linking a request to sing a Kannada song to a terrorist act, Sonu Nigam insulted the Kannadiga community and equated their cultural pride and linguistic identity with violence and intolerance," the complaint stated.

When contracted, the Avalahalli police said that a petition was given on Friday and they have sought legal opinion in this regard and no FIR has been registered.

Speeding ambulance runs amok, kills vendor, injures six

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 48-year-old pushcart vendor died while six others sustained injuries after a speeding ambulance collided with two pushcarts, an autorickshaw and a scooter on the busy BTS Road in Wilson Garden traffic police station limits around 8.30 am on Thursday. The ambulance driver claimed brake failure is the reason behind the accident.

Three days back the deceased, C Ramesh, a resident of Jayanagar, had lost his mother and was talking to his brother and a friend discussing the arrangements for the death rituals when it happened. The 'Sanjeevini' ambulance was coming from the Shantinagar TTMC bus stand. Ramesh who was shifted to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Jayanagar 4th T block succumbed to injuries around 11.15 am.

"The ambulance driver Siranjeevi, 30, a native of Tamil Nadu, has been arrested. He has been working with the Sanjeevini Ambulance for the last 10 years. The driver who was arrested was also hospitalised as he was thrashed by the public. He was not found to be under the influence of alcohol. The ambulance came to a halt after hitting the autorickshaw," said an officer, adding that the driver told the police that he was going to shift a patient. The police have summoned the RTO officials to examine the vehicle.

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
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Extensive search operations were carried out at the offices of Chamarajanagara and Raichur Deputy Commissioners in Karnataka on Friday following bomb threats received via email, the police said. Nothing suspicious was found on the premises of the two offices and they turned out to be a 'hoax' email threat, the police added

SHETTY'S KILLERS WON'T GO SCOT-FREE: Dr G

● Four teams formed to arrest culprits: Home Min ● Can't trust state police, says BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ BENGALURU

APPEALING to the people of Dakshina Kannada to maintain peace, Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that the culprits in the Suhas Shetty murder case will not go scot-free.

"The accused in the Suhas Shetty murder case in Mangaluru will not be spared, no matter who they are," Dr Parameshwara told reporters.

Shetty was the prime accused in the murder of 23-year-old Fazil at Suratkal, Dakshina Kannada, in 2022.

The minister said that Mangaluru, which used to be in the news for all the wrong reasons, has been peaceful for a while. "But incidents that have happened in the last 4-5 days, including the killing of Shetty on Thursday evening,, have shaken Dakshina Kannada district. We will not let this continue. Four teams have already been formed to find the culprits," Dr Parameshwara said.

"I appeal to the people of Dakshina Kannada to maintain peace. The government and the police department are with them. We will make every effort to maintain peace. ADGP (Law and Order) has already visited the spot. More police have been deployed. Necessary precautions have been taken to ensure that no untoward incident occurs," the minister said.

Dr Parameshwara said that he has sought a full report from the police on Shetty's murder. "An investigation has been initiated, and the accused will not be spared. We will not let it go, no matter who the accused is... from any party, organisation or anyone else," he warned.

On BJP allegations of a complete breakdown of law and order in the state, he said, "As a responsible government, it is our responsibility to maintain peace, law, and order."

Replying to Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka's allegation that Hindu activists have been living with a sense of fear ever since the Congress came to power in 2023, Dr Parameshwara said, "Are there no Hindus (in Congress)? Are we all non-Hindus? Are we others? It is not right to interpret it like that. We will arrest the accused involved in Shetty's killing. We should not paint a different picture of the incident."

People gather around the ambulance carrying the body of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty outside a hospital in Mangaluru on Friday

BJP demands investigation by NIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

SEVERAL BJP leaders have demanded a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the murder of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty in Mangaluru. Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra, former minister Sunil Kumar, RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, and others, strongly condemning the murder, said that they cannot expect a fair probe from the state police and only an NIA investigation can get justice for Shetty's family. Speaking at Shetty's last rites, Vijayendra said that his party has taken the incident seriously. Alleging police failure, Vijayendra said that no one is safe in the state, especially Hindutva activists. He demanded the government announce an ex gratia to Shetty's family.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje alleged that Shetty was framed in the murder of Mohammed Fazil in Suratkal. Vijayapura MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal said that the assailants should be "shot down, else there will be no protection to those who fight for the nation".

Suhas Shetty

In a letter to Amit Shah, Dakshina Kannada MP Capt. Brijesh Chowta said that the brutal murder, carried out with impunity in public view, has shaken the people of the entire coastal Karnataka. "This incident is not an isolated one; it is part of a larger pattern of growing lawlessness and anti-national elements that continue to operate in coastal Karnataka," the MP said in the letter.

Further, the MP said that in recent years, they have witnessed the targeted killing of Praveen Nettaru, a committed BJP karyakarta, by PFI activists, an organisation that was later banned. "I appeal to you with utmost urgency and sincerity that this case be handed over to the NIA for a comprehensive and impartial investigation, as there is a possibility of involvement of activists from the banned PFI organisation," the MP said in the letter to Shah.

BJP urges guv to take note of 'breakdown of law & order'

Earlier in the day, state BJP president BY Vijayendra said Shetty's murder in full public view is a reflection of the breakdown of law and order in the state. He urged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to take note of the rising extremism and collapse of law and order in the state.

Vijayendra said that though the police were aware of the threat to Suhas Shetty's life, no preventive action was taken. "This raises serious concerns about the possible complicity of certain elements within the police department and the government. Are we witnessing a situation where these extremist forces are being deliberately enabled and protected?" the BJP leader questioned.

FAZIL'S FAMILY DENIES ROLE, SAYS KHADER

Assembly Speaker Khader said that he has spoken to Fazil's father and relatives and they have ruled out their role in Shetty's murder. Shetty was the prime accused in the murder of 23-year-old Fazil at Suratkal in 2022. Shetty's murder has been termed as a revenge for Fazil's murder. "Fazil's father said that their family will not go anywhere but will cooperate with the police in the investigation," Khader said.

PATIL VS YATNAL

Speaker rejects Shivanand's conditional resignation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Assembly Speaker U T Khader on Friday rejected the conditional resignation by Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil. Patil, Basavanabagewadi MLA, had submitted his resignation earlier in the day daring Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal to quit.

Patil said he would contest against him in the event of a bypoll in Basavana Bagewadi.

Khader said that it was not possible to accept Patil's resignation. He said that Patil, a six-time MLA, is a senior leader known for defending all sections of people, be it SC, ST, Backward Class and Minorities.

"He has never permitted the atmosphere in his district to be vitiated either on the ground of caste or on the ground of any religion", he said. "The state is proud of Patil. He met me to tender his resignation on the condition that Yatnal also resigns as an MLA so that the former could contest against against the latter in the ensuing bye-elections",

Shivanand Patil & Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

he said. "I told Patil that Yatnal has neither resigned as an MLA nor has he met me to submit his resignation. Yatnal's resignation has not been received by the Assembly either. I told Patil that it is not possible to accept his conditional resignation as per the Assembly Rules. I also told Patil that the the state needs his experience and services for a long time", the Speaker said.

Khader said that the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has given his consent to Karnataka to host the all- India Assembly speakers', council chairpersons and presiding officers' conference slated to be held between September 8 and 11 in Bengaluru.

MB PATIL HITS OUT AT YATNAL

Industries Minister MB Patil criticised Yatnal for speaking against Prophet Muhammad. Addressing reporters in Vijayapura, Patil also criticised the leaders who had targeted Yatnal and made personal comments against him at a protest rally organised by a minority community. He said MLA Vijayanand Kashappanavar and Vakeel Khadri should not have made personal remarks against Yatnal at the rally. Reacting to Yatnal's remarks against Shivanand Patil and Kashappanavar, he said politicians should refrain from making personal remarks. Yatnal has't mend his ways despite his ouster from BJP. He should not make "vulgar" remarks against anybody, he added. Yatnal is free to abuse Pakistani extremists. Yatnal is free to criticise the government over price rise and other issues, MB Patil said.

'I am ready to contest against Yatnal'

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"IF Patil quits by Friday, I too will resign and contest against him from Basavanabagewadi. There is no need for Patil to come to my Vijayapura constituency, I will go to Basavanabagewadi and face him in the election," Yatnal had stated.

A four-time MLA from Basavanabagewadi, Patil is a popular politician. He won Assembly elections in 2004, 2013, 2018 and 2023.

Sources said Patil is ready to contest against Yatnal from Basavanabagewadi and is confident of winning by a big margin. However, supporters of Patil are waiting with their fingers crossed to see if Yatnal will resign and contest against their leader.

After submitting his resignation letter, Patil said that he decided to quit after Yatnal challenged him to do so. "My resignation has nothing to do with the CM or my party (Congress),'' he added.

Patil said, as announced, Yatnal should also resign as MLA. "I am ready to contest against Yatnal from Vijayapura or Basavanabagewadi,'' Patil said.

Patil rubbished Yatnal's claim that he changed his surname to Patil for the sake of votes. "I have been called Patil since my birth," he said.

Legislator who outrages woman's dignity can't claim House immunity, says HC

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

ACTS which erode the dignity of a woman or outrage her modesty cannot be protected under the parasol of a legislator's privilege for anything done inside the House. Those privileges and immunities are not gateways for legislators to claim exemptions from the general law of the land, the Karnataka High Court observed on Friday, dismissing the petition filed by BJP MLC CT Ravi. He was challenging the crime registered by Minister for Women and Child Development Laxmi R Hebbalkar, for allegedly using an abusive word against her more than 10 times in the Karnataka Legislative Council.

The alleged derogatory word the petitioner uttered attracts both Sections 75 and 79 of the BNS, and the speaker can certainly not be immune from action, the court said. "The alleged word spoken, or gesture made against a woman, certainly outrages her modesty and above all, it can have no nexus to the functioning of the House..." Justice M Nagaprasanna said, pronouncing the order dismissing Ravi's petition.

Ravi challenged the crime registered by Laxmi on December 19, 2024, with Bagewadi police station in Belagavi, which was later entrusted to CID for a probe. Ravi's counsel argued that registering a complaint on what transpired between legislators in the legislature is privileged, and they would have immunity from proceedings.

The State Public Prosecutor contended that all criminal acts that happen inside the legislature do not accord immunity or privilege to legislators. If any crime is committed inside the legislature, it would have to be investigated, he argued. The petitioner's counsel contended that if the crime is allowed, it would open a Pandora's box so that every legislator approaches courts, alleging that a fellow legislator has defamed or insulted him.

Rejecting it, the court said it concerns the dignity or modesty of a woman, and allegedly abusing a woman, a fellow legislator, on the floor of the House, not only prima facie outrages her modesty, but sullies the sanctity of the House.

The court said "in the grand tapestry or labyrinth of democracy, the privilege of legislative speech is a vital thread. Therefore, it must be woven with the fibres of responsibility and ethical conduct. The legislature is an exalted forum for deliberation, not for personal vilification. This court cannot permit invocation of privilege to stymie the imperatives of justice... Legislature is not a sanctuary for defamation or gendered invective, rather an institution where robust debate must be tempered with decorum and respect. This court finds neither in the alleged acts of the petitioner..."

Home Dept has failed: Sharavana

Bengaluru: The murder of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty in Mangaluru is a reflection of the failure of the Home Department, said senior Legislative Council member and senior JDS leader **TA Sharavana**. Condemning the killing and pro-Pakistan sloganeering, he said, "There is no peace and tranquility in Karnataka. Law and order is not under control. The police system has collapsed. Anarchy has been caused by Congress factionalism. The administrative system has failed," he said. The Congress' policy of dividing the community on the basis of caste and religion in Karnataka is the reason for this bloodbath, and the CM should intervene immediately. Street killings should be stopped. The guilty should be arrested and put in jail, he demanded.

Prohibitory orders across Dakshina Kannada till May 6

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THE district administration has imposed prohibitory orders across the district till May 6. Elaborate security arrangements have been made in sensitive areas.

Condemning the murder of Shetty, district in-charge minister Dinesh Gundu Rao appealed to the people to maintain peace and harmony.

ADGP (Law and Order) R Hithendra, who is camping in Mangaluru, said the accused have been identified and they would be arrested soon. He appealed to the people to maintain peace and pay no heed to rumours.

Meanwhile, cracking down on those posting provocative messages on social media, Mangaluru city police have registered seven cases.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Madhu demands adequate funds for national census

BENGALURU: Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa on Friday said the central government should give the same priority to the national census as it has done for the country's security. He said, "The Centre said it will provide Rs 500 crore for the census, while it has sanctioned Rs 35,000 crore for the Rafale deal. Rs 500 crore is not enough," he said. The Centre agreed to the caste census after leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi raised it for a long time, he claimed. He termed the Centre's decision a victory for Congress. "Modi, when he was Gujarat chief minister, had demanded then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for equitable devolution of taxes. Should he not be reminded of it now? He should ensure equal funds to all parts of the country," he said. **ENS**

RSS, BJP opposing quota for over a century: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah alleged here on Friday that BJP and RSS do not believe in social justice and have been opposing reservation for backwards classes and Dalits for over a century.

He said RSS opposed the Miller Commission report on quota during the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's regime and other commissions subsequently.

Asked whether BJP will exhibit political will to increase reservation, he said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had pressed for caste census and had also seen to it that it was included in the party manifesto.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge too wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which led the central government to announce that it will carry out the caste census along with regular census.

He said the Centre should announce when the census will be conducted and demanded that it include the socio-economic and education survey to get insights into communities. He felt the survey will help prevail on the government to amend the Constitution to increase reservation above the 50 per cent cap imposed by the Supreme Court in Indira Sawhney case.He said the reservation should be in accordance with the population to build an equitable society and to empower communities socially and economically by bringing in reservation in the private sector.

He said the government should also implement recommendations of the Rohini Commission report on categorisation of backwards classes, other than carrying out a socio-economic survey.

I TOO GET THREAT CALLS: SIDDARAMAIAH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said that he too has received threat calls and has asked the police to investigate and take action against the culprits. "Yes, I have received threat calls. I have directed the police to investigate and take legal action," the CM told the media in Mysuru while responding to a question about Assembly Speaker UT Khader allegedly getting a threat call.

On the murder of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty in Mangaluru, Siddaramaiah said, "He is said to be a rowdysheeter. We have deputed ADGP (Law & Order) to investigate. Every life is important. I have directed the police to arrest the assailants."

He said that the BJP always looks for such incidents to play politics over it. "BJP leaders visit such crime scenes.... but why didn't the PM visit Pahalgam where 26 tourists were killed by terrorists? Isn't it important for the PM and the BJP leaders to visit Pahalgam?" he asked. The CM said that the terror attack in Pahalgam was owing to a security lapse, as there was not even a single police or security personnel at the spot, which is visited by hundreds of tourists.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah participates in a ritual at Annadaneshwara temple in Allapatna, Srirangapatna, on Friday | PIC: X

Liquor price hike to make people quit drinking: CM

Asked about the government frequently increasing prices of liquor, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah maintained it is to force people to give up liquor. He said the temperance board wants to reduce liquor consumption among people by various measures, including increasing prices.

No threat to me: Khader

Assembly Speaker UT Khader said that he has not received any threat calls from any individual or an organisation after Suhas Shetty, an accused in the Mohammad Fazil murder case, was killed in Mangaluru. "When former minister Tanvir Sait was attacked in Mysuru a few years ago there was a threat to me as my name was reportedly in the list of attackers. The then CM Basavaraj Bommai had provided adequate security to me. Now I have received no threat as such," he said.

The Congress Working Committee strongly urged the Union government to adopt the Telangana model for the national caste census. The endorsement followed detailed discussions during the CWC meeting held in Delhi on Friday, which was attended by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy

Vizhinjam port gateway to global maritime trade: PM

A chopper carrying Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves Vizhinjam International Seaport on Friday | BP DEEPU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday dedicated the Rs 8,700-crore Vizhinjam International Seaport - India's first deep-water, multipurpose port - to the nation at a grand ceremony in Thiruvananthapuram.

Touting Vizhinjam as a gateway to global maritime trade, Modi said the port marks a major step forward for India's transshipment capabilities and economic self-reliance. "This port will unlock immense economic potential and place Kerala at the heart of global trade routes," he said. Calling Vizhinjam a symbol of "new-age development", the PM termed it a confluence of natural beauty and strategic potential. "The capacity of this transshipment hub will triple in the coming years, allowing the world's largest cargo ships to dock here," he said. "Until now, 75% of India's transshipment took place in foreign ports leading to substantial revenue loss. That is now set to change." He was referring to the revenue loss of $200 to $400 million due to India's reliance on foreign ports. The development of Vizhinjam, he said, will keep that revenue within the country and create new economic opportunities, particularly for Kerala and its people. "India's money will now serve India," he said. Modi also credited the private sector's role in maritime growth. "Over the past decade, investments under the Public-Private Partnership model have upgraded our ports to global standards and made them future-ready," he said.

Modi was greeted with enthusiastic applause upon his arrival. Opening his speech in Malayalam, he paid tribute to Adi Shankaracharya on his birth anniversary and concluded by honouring the late Pope Francis, who enjoys a strong following in the state.

Swarna Andhra starts from Amaravati: Modi

BSN MALLESWARA RAO @ Vijayawada

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi called upon Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and his Deputy Pawan Kalyan to transform Amaravati and Andhra Pradesh into a growth engine for a developed India, citing it as the dream of N T Rama Rao to develop the state. "We must fulfill NTR's dreams. "Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan, together we must do it — and we will do it," Modi said. While restarting the construction of Amaravati at Uddandarayunipalem on Friday, the PM emphasized that the state capital city is not just a city but a dream coming true. Alongside the relaunch, Modi laid the foundation stone for nine capital city-related projects and dedicated ₹58,000 crore worth seven other projects to the nation.

Addressing a large gathering, he stated, "This is the beginning of building Swarna Andhra (Golden Andhra Pradesh). These are not just concrete structures, but are strong foundations for the aspirations of Andhra Pradesh and the vision for a developed India."

Modi expressed confidence that Amaravati, once completed in three years as promised by CM Chandrababu, will transform the state into a modern and progressive one, and it can fulfill the dreams of every Andhraite. "Amaravati will emerge as a leading city in the country in fields like Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Green Energy, Clean Industries, Education, and Healthcare," he added.

Recalling his role in laying the foundation for Amaravati in 2015, Modi noted that the Centre has extended its full support over the past decade, and now, under CM Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, development will progress rapidly.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates the construction of Amaravati at Uddandarayunipalem in Andhra Pradesh on Friday | EXPRESS

AIADMK top body okays BJP pact, assures minorities

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

NEARLY three weeks after the revival of the AIADMK-BJP alliance, the executive committee of the AIADMK, which met in Chennai on Friday under its presidium chairman Thamizhmagan Hussain, 'wholeheartedly endorsed' the decision. A resolution passed at the meeting said the alliance was a strategic move to prevent division of opposition votes and dubbed the ruling DMK as the common political enemy that must be unseated in the 2026 Assembly elections.

Interestingly, one of the resolutions sought to reassure minorities, saying that the party would always remain their protective shield.

The party cited its opposition to the Waqf Amendment Act in Parliament as proof of its commitment.

Of the 16 resolutions passed, a majority of them were critical of the DMK government over its alleged failures across fronts. Sources said the meeting proceeded without dissent as AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami had held prior discussions with senior leaders to explain the rationale for the renewed alliance.

AIADMK executive committee members at the meeting held in Chennai on Friday

One of the resolutions hailed Palaniswami for forging a 'mega alliance' and crafting a sound electoral strategy to reclaim power in 2026. The committee also expressed gratitude to the BJP-led Union government for announcing a caste census.

Speaking at the meeting, Palaniswami urged party functionaries not to worry about the alliance, assuring them that more parties would soon join the AIADMK-led front.

Sources also said Palaniswami justified his decision to revive the alliance with the BJP and asked party functionaries not to criticise the BJP since both parties have to work together for the elections.

EXPRESS READ

Indore hosts BEL's new software devpt centre

Bengaluru: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav inaugurated a software development centre set up by Bengaluru-based Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) at the Sinhasa IT Park in Indore, in the presence of BEL CMD Manoj Jain. Rajnish Sharma, Director (Bengaluru complex), and Durga, ED, software, were present with the BEL team. The centre will focus on the development of Artificial Intelligence-based products and technologies, and web-based quality inspection systems integrated with Industry 4.0, and will also cater to the advanced technological requirements of the Indian armed forces. **ENS**

Vehicle carrying cows tries to run over VHP men

Hassan: The driver of a goods vehicle, which was allegedly transporting cows, attempted to run over members of the Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad near Valalahalli village of Sakleshpur on Friday. The incident occurred when the Hindu outfit members tried to stop the vehicle and rescue the cows, which they alleged, were being transported to slaughter houses. Three miscreants ran away after parking the goods vehicle near Valalahalli. The Hindu activists rescued ten cows and handed them over to the Sakleshpur Rural police. The activists alleged that the police have turned a blind eye towards illegal transport of cows to slaughtering houses in neighbouring districts. One of the calves died inside the vehicle due to suffocation. Sakleshpur Rural police registered a case. **ENS**

Coastal security: Fishers told to be alert at sea

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

IN the backdrop of the Pahalgam terror attack, the Coastal Security Force (CSF) in Karwar has cautioned fishermen and operators of large trawlers and asked them to keep an eye on any suspicious movement of boats when at sea.

A meeting was called in Karwar recently to discuss the do's and don'ts in the aftermath of the terror attack that took the lives of 26 Indians.

Karwar houses India's largest Naval base — INS Kadamba — and the country's first aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya, docks here. The Naval base also houses an armament division and a strategic Naval defence location after Goa, Kochi and Mumbai. The base is also used for training and firing purposes.

The security forces have asked the fishermen to report immediately by any means necessary if they notice any suspicious boats when at sea.

"The large boat operators were briefed about the security situation off Karwar coast. The Pakistan controlled water in Arabian sea is 250 km off Karwar coast and large boats have been told to keep away from international borders," said a fishing trawler operator from Karwar.

"Most of the time the fishermen are alert about any suspicious boats. Most fishing boats have separate colours representing their states. If, in case, any such movement is recorded, we will inform the coastal security force," a trawler owner added.

The Indian Navy has already stepped up security along the Naval base. Additional checkpoints and vigorous patrolling are being taken up as part of security.

"The base is put on high alert usually when there are war exercises in the sea. So far there is no specific intel from the Navy or the central government, but the district HQs is on high alert as it houses the Naval base," said an official from the district administration.

GMDC

TENDER NOTICE

EXPRESSSION OF INTEREST

EOI NO : GMDC/EOI/TECH-II/01/2025-26

Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from interested contractors for Rehabilitation, Operation and Maintenance of GMDC's existing Pyrite Removal and Lignite Beneficiation Plant situated at Lignite Project Bhavnagar, Gujarat.

The EOI document can be downloaded from www.gmdcltd.com from 3/5/2025. EOI shall be submitted physically on or before **26/05/2025 up-to 4:00 pm.**

General Manager (CPD)
gm.cpd.co@gmdcltd.com

EXPLORING LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Gujarat Enterprise)
Khanij Bhawan, 132 Feet Ring Road,
Near University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052

Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation: Ballari Division: Ballari.

No. KKRT : BLR : TR : COMM : 197 : 2025-26
Date: 29-04-2025.

E-Tender Notification No: 04/2025

Applications are invited through e-procurement for selecting licensee to commercial stalls/open place and hoarding advertisment infornt of Siruguppa Depot coming under KKRTC Ballari Division, Ballari. Interested bidder can download notification through "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and instructed to read and understanding the terms and conditions before submit online application. The bidders must submit their documents and EMD amount through E-Portal Only. (DD/Cash will not accepted for EMD and other fees). Application can submitted till 20-05-2025 at 17:00 hrs. E-Tender will be opened on 23-05-2025 after 12:00 hrs. The Corporation reserves the right to accept, reject or without any notice select the bidders or postpone or modify or cancel the e-tender/manual tender notifications. For more details visit online protal or Divisional Traffic Officer, Ballari (Mobile No. 77609 92152).

Sd/- Divisional Controller,
KKRTC : Ballari Division : Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/71/KSMCA/2025-26

TUNGABHADRA BOARD: TB DAM

e-Procurement Short Term Tender Notice IFB Nos. 115/2024-25, 117/2024-25, 118/2024-25 Dt.15.03.2025 (2nd Call) & 02/2025-26 Dt.02.05.2025.

Tender for 04 Nos. of Works in respect of HW & HLC Division, TB Dam and LLC Division, Ballari under 'Works Category" are invited through 'e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time:	03.05.2025 at 11:00 AM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time :	09.05.2025 at 3:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time :	09.05.2025 at 5:30 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: (upto Rs.50.00 Lakhs)	09.05.2025 at 6:00 PM
Date of opening of PQ Stage: (above Rs.50.00 Lakhs)	09.05.2025 at 6:00 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: (Above Rs.50.00 Lakhs)	13.05.2025 at 11:00 AM

Further details can be seen @ https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
Ph: 08394-259114
Email: seibtbb@yahoo.com

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

SESHADRIPURAM INSTITUTIONS

ADMISSIONS OPEN for 1st PUC : 2025-26

SESHADRIPURAM INDEPENDENT PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
27, Nagappa Street, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Prof. R. V. Manjunath, Principal, Tel: 22955358. website: spucmain.ac.in
COMMERCE: MSBA / MEBA / SEBA / CEBA | SCIENCE: PCMB / PCME / PCMCs

SESHADRIPURAM COMPOSITE PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
40, Girls' School Street, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Prof G. K. Manjunath, Principal, Tel: 22955365. website: scpucblr.ac.in
COMMERCE: MSBA / MEBA / SEBA / CEBA | SCIENCE: PCMB / PCME / PCMCs

SESHADRIPURAM PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560 064.
Prof. T. Doddegowda, Principal, Tel: 22955372. website: www.scpuc.ac.in
COMMERCE: MSBA / MEBA / SEBA / CEBA | SCIENCE: PCMB / PCMCs

SESHADRIPURAM INDEPENDENT PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
18, 2nd Main, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560 060,
Dr. Manjunath R. Principal, Tel: 22955377. website: www.spuc.ac.in
COMMERCE: MEBA / SEBA / CEBA | SCIENCE: PCMB / PCME / PCMCs

SESHADRIPURAM EVENING PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
27, Nagappa Street, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Prof. R. Mahalakshmi, Principal, Tel: 22955359. website: www.sepuc.ac.in
COMMERCE: HEBA / CEBA

N. R. Pandith Aradhya, President
Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, Honorary General Secretary

KARNATAKA SILK INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
3rd & 4th Floors, Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Ph: 080-25586550, 25586402 Email: info@ksicsilk.com

No. KSIC/PD/RNTDR /SWF/DWP/02/2025-26 Date: 19.04.2025

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

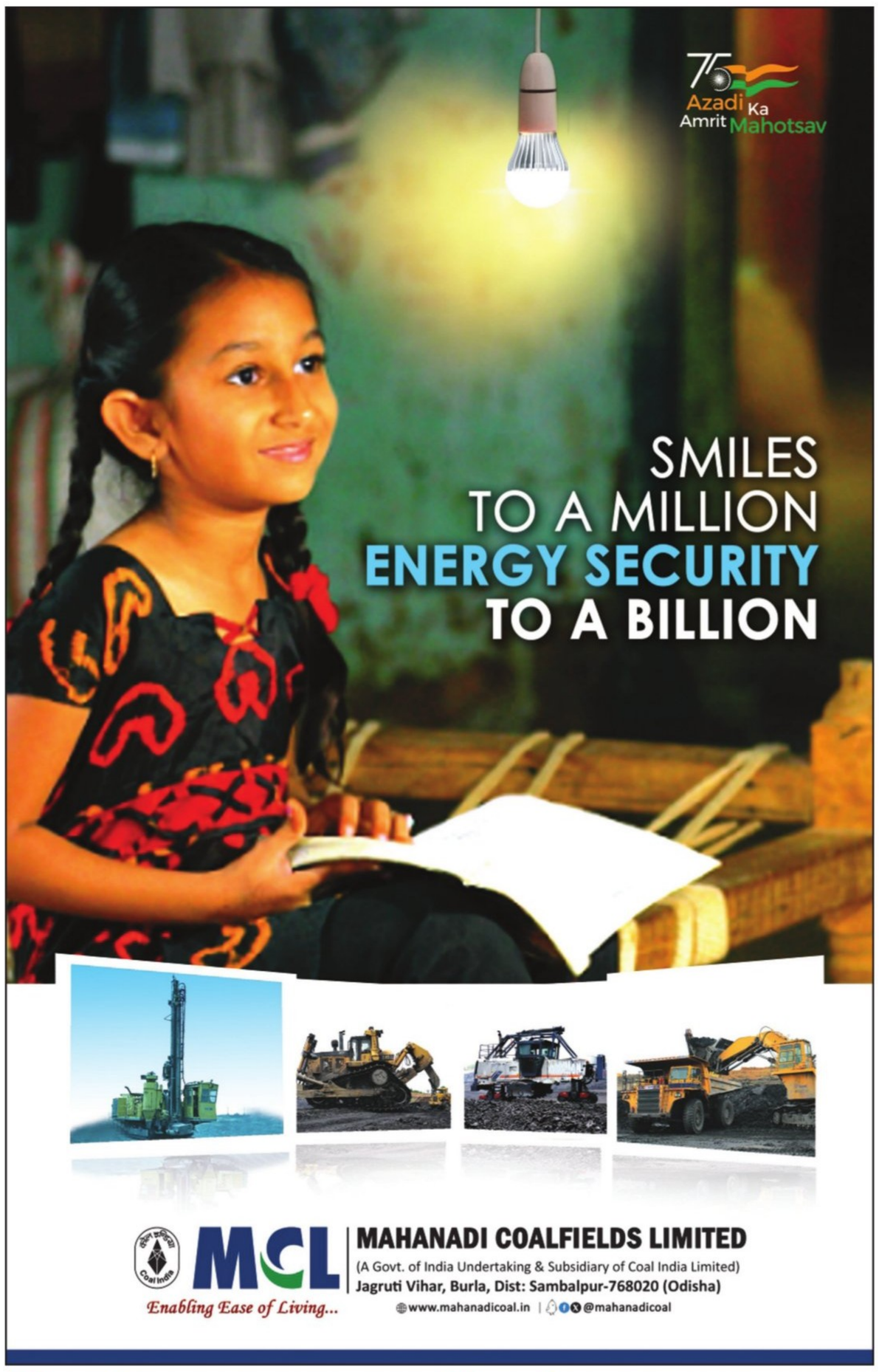
TENDERS arc invited through KPP Portal from reputed Manufacturers for Supply of Dewatering Pump 3HP — 10 Nos and Dewatering Pump 5HP- 02 Nos at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory Premises, Mysuru:

Sl. No.	Name of the Equipment's	Qty (Nos.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Dewatering Pump (Self Priming) 3 HP	10	7,000
2.	Dewatering Pump (Self Priming) 5 HP	02	2,000

Tender Documents, details of the Notification, schedule terms & conditions can be downloaded from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for uploading the tender along with EMD through KPP Portal is **27.05.2025 up to 03.00 P.M**. The Technical bids will be opened on **28.05.2025 at 03.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the office of the Undersigned during working hours or KPP Portal help desk - 080-46010000, 080-68948777.

Sd/-
GENERAL MANAGER (Proc)

DIPR/CP/266/AKAR/2025-26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PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT INTENDS TO PURCHASE THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY FROM ITS OWNER **MRS.SADATH TABASUM.** W/O.MOHAMMED ASLAM AHMED. AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, R/AT.NO.94, MASQUE ROAD FRAZER TWON BANGALORE-560005.AADHAAR NO.277253379518.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute Asserting any rights, title, claim or charge in the schedule property having any claims against the property/or its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned **within 7 Days** from issuing of this public Notice. With all documentary proof/s on which they are their rights over the schedule property or any part thereof after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there is no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY **RESIDENCIAL SITE NO.1. KATHA NO.291/1. E-AASTHI NO.1761549480. Municipal Katha No.2167/01/291/1, HOUSE LIST NO.1. CHAMUNDESHWARI NAGAR**, SITUATED AT, BEGUR VILLAGE BEGUR HOBLI BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK. BANGALORE BBMP WARD NO.192.MEASURING EAST TO WEST 32+24/2 FEET, NORTH TO SOUTH 43+45/2 FEET , TOTALLY MEASURING 1232 SQ. FEET, BOUNDED ON THE :

EAST BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY
WEST BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY
NORTH BY : BEGUR ROAD .
SOUTH BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY

S. RASHEED SAHEB, ADVOCATE,
NO.42.6TH B CROSS BALAJINAGARA
DRC POST BANGALORE-29.
(M) 09448569509, 9740893190.
mail ID:rasheed.sab12@gmail.com

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESAL COMMISSION,
BASAVA BHAVAN, HIGH GROUNDS BANGALORE-560001
Under the Consumer Protection Act 1986

Consumer Complaint No. 18/2024

Sreevari Vista AHK Residents Welfare Association ...Appellant
Versus
Sreevari Projects ...Respondent

To,
M/s. Sreevari Projects, represented by its partner Mr. Rajasekar, residing at No. 5, 4th Cross, 22nd Main, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 and also at Flat No. 307, SLV Diya Elite Serenity Layout, Kaikondahalli Village, Bangalore-560 035.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 47 OF THE AMENDED C.P.A. 2019 TO THE OPPOSITE PARTY FOR HEARING THE COMPLAINT IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER 'INDIAN EXPRESS' BANGALORE EDITION

Whereas, the Complainant has filed the above complaint against you seeking remedy in he Complaint No. 18/2024. You are hereby notified to appear before this Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized to answer all the material facts relating to the Complaint **on 05th May 2025 at 11.00 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above complaint will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 14th March, 2025.

By Order of the Commission,
Asst. Registrar-Cum-Asst. Admn. Officer, K.S.C.D.R.C, Bangalore.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are Re-invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 79858, (2) 79996, (3) 80090 (Corrigendum).

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/15/2025 **GENERAL MANAGER**

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office: 203-206, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Inspire BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400 051 Tel: +91 2269784143 CIN: U74999MH2015PTC264081

[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. ("JCF ARC")**, acting in its capacity as trustee of **JCF YES Trust 2022-23/1** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (" Act"). Yes Bank Ltd. ("Assignor Bank") has absolutely assigned and transferred all the rights, title and interest in the financial assets pertaining to **Neptune Travels India Private Limited, Mr. Harinder Kumar Agarwal and Mrs. Uma Agarwal** together with the security created thereof in favour of JCF ARC vide Assignment Agreement executed on 16th December, 2022. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a **Demand Notice was issued dated August 24, 2021 under Section 13(2) of the Act by Yes Bank Ltd. calling upon the Neptune Travels India Private Limited ("Borrower"), Mr. Harinder Agarwal ("Borrower"/" Mortgagor"/"Guarantor"), Mrs. Uma Agarwal ("Co-Borrower"/Guarantor") and Ms. Monica Agarwal ("Guarantor ") to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 27,10,14,438.30/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Crore Ten Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Thirty only) as on July 31, 2021** with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers, Co-Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, Co-Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors and the public in general that the Authorized Officer has taken physical possession of the secured asset described herein below in accordance with the order dated November 21, 2023 (in case no.: Crl. Misc. 50229/2022), passed by the Hon'ble XI Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru City **on April 29, 2025**

The Borrowers, Co-Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured assets and any dealings with the secured assets will be subject to the charge of JCF ARC for an amount of **Rs. 27,10,14,438.30/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Crore Ten Lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Thirty only) as on July 31, 2021** with further interest and costs as mentioned in demand notice dated August 24, 2021 under section 13(2) of the Act issued to the Borrowers, Co-Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors by JCF ARC.

The Borrowers' /Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantors' attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Schedule "A" Property

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land measuring a total extent of 1 Acre 20 Guntas now bearing BBMP Khatha No. 5 carved out and forming a part of Sy.No. 49/1B, situated at Kothanur Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(East).Sr.(KH).264/2007-08 dated 12/11/2008 read with official memorandum bearing ALN(East)SR(KH) 264/2007-08 dated 25/08/2010 , both issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore) and **Bounded on East:** Road; **West:** Remaining Portion of Property bearing Sy.No. 49/1 B; **North:** Property being portion of Sy.No.49/1B on which Orchid Woods Project has been developed; **South:** Remaining Portion of Property in Sy.No.49/1B;

Schedule "B" Property

4% undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A property measuring about 2613.6 Sq. ft in an undivided state has been sold to the Purchaser by the Owner/Vendor under this deed.

Schedule "C" Property

All that piece and parcel of the Row House bearing No.21, measuring about 5476.5 sq ft of super built up area along with 2613.6 Sq Ft of the undivided share in residential apartment known as "CORINTH" constructed on BBMP Khata No.5, carved out and farming a part of Sy.No.49/1B, situated at Kothanur Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk., consisting of Four bedrooms with RCC roofings, marble flooring ,teakwood doors and aluminums windows comprising of Basement, ground and 2(two) upper floors constructed on the Schedule A Property with terrace area attached thereto along with 2 (two) covered car parking spaces exclusively earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchaser in the basement of the row house inclusive of the proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, stair-case and other areas of common use.

Date: April 29, 2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.**
(acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF YES Trust 2022-23/1)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

MAHATHMA GANDHI HYDRO-ELETRIC WORKS

No.:KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2695/Call-2 Dated: 21.04.2025 for **Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Two Nos. of 750 KVA, 11KV/415V auxiliary transformers with buy back of Two No. of auxiliary transformers'.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (EM&O), MGHE Works, KPCL, Jogfalls-577 435, Sagar Tq., Shivamogga Dist., Karnataka. Mob: 9449596853.** Website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in,** Email: **eeemghejog@gmail.com**

ALMATTI DAM POWER HOUSE PROJECT

(1)No.KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2240/Call-3/195,Date: 23.04.2025. Name of work: **Improvements to entrance arch area of ADPH.** Approx. Value of work (Excluding GST): **Rs. 3.26 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 8,200/-.**
(2)No.KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT2297/Call-3/194,Date: 23.04.2025. Name of work: **Roof Treatment for Power House Building at ADPH.** Approx. Value of work (Excluding GST): **Rs. 6.78 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 17,000/-.** Tender processing fee (non-refundable): **As in e-Procurement of GoK.** Contract Period: **Three Months (Including Monsoon Period)** Last date and time for submission of completed bids: **02.05.2025 up to 5.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Civil), KPCL, ADPH, Post: Sitimani, Bagalakote Dist. Mob: 9449848138**

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-I & II

(1) No. KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT2051/Call-4. Name of work: **Maintenance repair of Unit-2 Penstock gate at Kadra Dam.** Tender amount: **Rs. 14,91,525/-** EMD: **Rs. 37,500/-.**
(2) No. KPCL/2024-25/GH/WORK_INDENT2047/Call-3 Name of work: **Supply and replacement of rubber seal for 18 numbers of draft tube gates at Kadra and Kodasalli Power House.** Tender amount: **Rs. 9,11,340/-** EMD: **Rs. 22,785/-.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **06.05.2025, 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Gates), Kali, KPCL,Kadra, Karwar Tq, North Kanara Dist-581 396. Mob: 9141611350.** E-mail: **eegateskali@gmail.com** website:**https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This serves to inform the general public that our clients **Mr.V.P.Chengalroya Naidu, Mr. V.C. Shridhar, Mr.Sukumar Ayalam, Mrs.Deepika Muralidhar, Mrs.Veeram Yamini and Mr.Harikrishna V. M** being the lawful heirs of late V.P.Perumalswamy Naidu and having a subsisting valid undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 22/A, Mahatma Gandhi Road, formerly No. 3/1. Ashley Road, situated in Civil station, Bengaluru, measuring East by:225 ft, west by 208ft, North by: 208 ft 6 inches, south by: 76 ft plus 145ft, totally admeasuring 46,620 sq.ft, which is morefully described hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **Schedule Property.**

AND WHEREAS our clients have reliably learnt that **Mr. S. Gopal Krishna, Mrs. Shanti Naidu, Mrs. Prema Naidu, Mr. Hersha Pommaye** are representing themselves to be the sole owners of the Schedule Property and are negotiating with various builders for the sale, development of the schedule property after clandestinely getting the khatha transferred to their names by excluding the heirs of late V.P. Perumalswamy Naidu.

Further it is pertinent to note that above four parties are only fractional owners of undivided share in the schedule property by virtue of being heirs of late V.P. Sudarshanam Naidu brother of V.P. Perumalswamy Naidu both of whom have jointly purchased the schedule property under a registered sale deed dated 22.10.1936, as document no.1202/1936-37 of Book-I, pages No.131 to 134, Volume No.487, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Civil Station, Bangalore.

Further it is vehemently clarified that late V.P.Perumalswamy Naidu had retained his 50% of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule Property till his demise.

Moreover, our clients have instituted a suit for partition and separate possession bearing O.S.No.8282/2023 which is now pending adjudication on the file of XLIII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore (CCH-44).

Therefore, the general public are hereby cautioned not to enter into any negotiations or agreements in respect of schedule property with the said Mr. S.Gopal Krishna, Mrs. Shanti Naidu, Mrs. Prema Naidu and Mr. Hersha Pommaye and if in spite of this notice any third party interests are created by the heirs of late Sudarshanam Naidu the same will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(Formerly known as Ajanta Hotel)

All that piece and parcel of land with building constructed thereon, presently bearing Municipal No. 22/A, Mahatma Gandhi Road, formerly No. 3/1. Ashley Road, situated in Civil station, Bengaluru measuring East by:225 ft, West by 208ft, North by: 208 ft 6 inches, South by: 76 ft plus 145ft totally admeasuring 46,620 sq.ft and bounded on the:-

East by : Property bearing Municipal No. 22.
West by : Property bearing No. 6, Brunton Road,
North by : M. G. Road and Brunton House No.8 & Ashley Road
South by : Ashley Road and premises bearing No. 2, Ashley Road

With exclusive private road (measuring 420 ft by 20 ft) providing entrance from M.G. Road to the Schedule Property.

Deepthi Divya Prakash
For **SUNDARAMURTHY & SUNDARAMURTHY**
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

South End Road Branch
No.96, South End Road, Bengaluru-560004.

POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) Section 13(4) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, South End Road Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **13.12.2024** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors: **Sri. K. M. Muniyappa,** S/o Sri Muniswamappa, No.23, Devanna Plaza, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Near Anganawadi School, Bengaluru-562162., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.10,82,981.93 Paisa (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One and Paisa Ninety Three Only)** as on **13.12.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **29th April 2025.**

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.10,82,981.93 Paisa (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One and Paisa Ninety Three Only)** as on **13.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing corporation Site No.23, Assessment No.38/23, VP Khatha No.38/23/23, Old Khatha No.150241514914214871, issued by Dasanapura Gram Panchayath, within the Gramatana limits, situated at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to 20 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet, alongwith the building standing thereon and bounded on the: East by : Site No.18, West by : Road, North by : Site No.22, South by: Site No.24.

Date : 29.04.2025 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place :Bengaluru. **Canara Bank**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC- Shankarapuram (64063)
13/1, 3rd Floor, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Ramakrishna Ashram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004
Ph no.: 080-25943006 E-mail id: support.shankarapuram@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE - [Under Rule 8(1)]
(For Immovable Property)

A/c. No. HL 40876865595
A/c No. 41926663814
A/c No. 40882493730

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a **Demand Notice dated 24.02.2025** under Sec 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, calling upon the **borrower Sri. Akshay Alwandi, S/o Sri. Ramesh Bhat Alwandi** # 23, 1st floor, 19th F Cross, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Kaggadasapura, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093. **Also at: BLRLABS Pvt. Ltd.** # T3366 Golden Woods Apartments, Talacauvery Nagar, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560037 **&** 1-1-121 Behind Children's Park, Pampanagar, Ward-1, Gangawati, Koppal-583227 **&** No. 006, Ground Floor, Sai Krupa, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068 **& Smt. Akhila H K W/o Sri. Akshay Alwandi,** 23, 1st floor, 19th F Cross, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Kaggadasapura, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore 560093 **&** # 73/1, 13th floor, Summit Brigade Metropolis, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore 560048 **&** No. 006, Ground Floor, Sai Krupa, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 7047213/- (Rupees Seventy lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only)** as on 24.02.2025 and interest & expenses thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on **29.04.2025,**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs.7152250/- (Rs.6508459/- + Rs.472769/- + Rs.171022/-) (RUPEES SEVENTY ONE LAKHS FIFTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY ONLY)** As On Date.

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy No. 25/4, measuring 32 guntas situated at Begur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum bearing No. B.DIS/ALN/SR(S)/707/2004-05 DATED 18.04.2005, issued by the special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore having BBMP Khata No 498/820/25, property serial No. 498 and the same is bounded on: **East by:** Land bearing SY No 25/3, **West by:** Koppa Road, **North by:** Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No. 25/4, **South by:** Land bearing Sy No 25/5 & 27/1.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

600 sqft of undivided share of right, title and rest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the Schedule A property herein.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the three bedroom residential apartment / flat bearing unit number 006, situated at ground floor, having super built up area of 1465 sqft in the above said residential apartment building known as **"SAI KRUPA",** constructed in the Schedule A Property herein and one covered car parking area bearing No. 006 in the basements stilt floor, finished with RCC roofing and vitrified tiles flooring with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with all common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and all other areas of common use etc, standing jointly in the names of Sri Akshay Alwandi S/o. Sri Ramesh Bhat Alwandi and Smt. Akhila H K, W/o. Sri Akshay Alwandi.

Absolute sale deed dated 01.04.2022 registered in favour of Sri. Akshay Alwandi, S/o. Sri. Ramesh Bhat Alwandi, and Smt. Akhila H K, W/o Sri. Akshay Alwandi, in Book. No 1 under Document No. RRN-1-00087-2022-23 stored in CD No. RRND1029 at the office of the Senior Sub Registrar at Jayanagar (RR Nagar) Bengaluru on 06.04.2022

Authorized Officer
Place : Bengaluru STATE BANK OF INDIA
Date : 29.04.2025 RACPC, Shankarpuram

SVC CO-Operative Bank Ltd.
Corporate Office : Legal & Recovery Dept.
SVC Tower, Nehru Road, Vakola, Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400055.

Having its Regional office: No.1, Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore - 560 018. Ph: 080 71231027/28/29 & 32

Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 as amended by The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amdt.) Act, 2016 (44 of 2016) and further amended by The Security Interest(Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

Authorised Officer of the Bank had under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 issued Demand Notice as detailed below to its defaulting Borrower which have returned unserved. Therefore, contents of the said respective notices are being published in this newspaper. TAKE NOTICE that you had availed sizable credit facilities against the Secured assets mentioned in the table herein below :-

Branch : Vijayanagar Branch
Name of the Borrower: 1. M/s. Devkiran Paper Mills Pvt. Ltd., No. 919, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 5th Main M.C. Layout, Vijaynagar, Bangalore 560 040. Also at : Sy. No 24, Gudimavu Village, Kumbalgodu post, Bengaluru-560 074. (PRINCIPAL BORROWER & MORTGAGOR) **2. Mr. R. H. Sreenivasa Setty,** 915-A, Sai Enclave apartment, Flat No. 04, Second floor, Ideal home Township,19th Main, 19th Cross, RR Nagar, Bangalore 560098. **3. Mr. R.H. Ramakrishna Setty** No.2930-2, k4, 8th cross, Chamundipuram, K R Mohalla, Lakshmi Puram, Mysore-570004. **Also at :** No. 294/1A, SNS Temple Street, Mysore 570004. **4.Mr. Prashanth R .S** No.915, SF, Sai Enclave, 19th Main , Ideal Homes township R R Nagar, Bangalore- 560 098. Also at : Flat No. 834, 3rd Floor, Wing- 08, "Suguna Upper Crest Apartment", Halagevederahalli village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560 098, (GUARANTORS /MORTGAGORS) **5. Mr. R.T. Kiran** No. 80/2, 14th Cross, 5th Main, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560086. Also at : No. 84, Hunsur Road, K R Nagar, Mysore-571602. **6. Mr. R. R. Murali**, No.130, 5th Main, Prashant Nagar, Basaweshwarnagar, Bangalore 560 079. (GUARANTORS).

Date of Demand Notice : 29.04.2025 **Date of N.P.A. : 27.04.2025**

A/c. No.	Sanctioned Limit (Rs.)	Balance Outstanding as on 27-04-2025 (Rs.)	Interest receivable as on 31-03-2025 (Rs.)	Total Liability As on 27-04-2025 (Rs.)
CASH CREDIT – CC LOAN				
10931994 0000001	12,00,00,000.00	12,00,00,000.00	28,10,124.69	12,28,10,124.69
BUSINESS MONEY LOAN				
10931890 0000202	5,90,00,000.00	90,29,599.64	3,58,254.00	93,87,853.64
10931890 0000216	4,00,00,000.00	1,58,72,828.50	6,24,481.00	1,64,97,309.50
10931890 0000217	4,00,00,000.00	1,14,64,140.48	4,80,856.00	1,19,44,996.48
ASSET FINANZ LOAN				
10931890 0000349	2,00,00,000.00	1,13,83,613.51	4,43,124.00	1,18,26,737.51
BUSINESS MONEY LOAN				
10931890 0000541	6,86,00,000.00	5,09,11,114.00	19,83,440.00	5,28,94,554.00
10931890 0000831	6,00,00,000.00	5,28,14,097.00	20,45,069.00	5,48,59,166.00
GRAND TOTAL	40,76,00,000.00	27,14,75,393.13	87,45,348.69	28,02,20,741.82

Details of property: ITEM No: I (Property of DEVKIRAN PAPER MILLS PRIVATE LIMITED) : All That Piece And Parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No.24, Gudimavu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted for Non-Agricultural Industrial Purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 24.12.1974 bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.426/74-75 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and by Conversion Certificate dated 30.04.1975 bearing No.ALN.SR.3178/74-75 issued by the Tahasildar, Bangalore South Taluk, approximately measuring 5 Acre 15 Guntas (out of 10 Acre 20 Guntas in Survey No.24) (excluding site No's 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19 located in the unapproved lay out formed in the said sy. No. totally measuring 17,894.50 Sq.ft.) together with building constructed/to be constructed thereon and bounded on East by : Sy.Nos.6 and 25 belonging to Sri. Thimmaiah and Sri. Venkatappa, West by :Vrishabhavathi River and Sy.Nos.21 and 22 belonging to Sri. Venkatappa, North by :Vrishabhavathi River, Ashwath Katte and Sy.Nos.23 and 25 belonging to Sri. Venkatappa and Sri. Thimmaiah & South by : Sy.Nos.20, 21 and 22 belonging to Sri. Venkatappa and Sri. Thimmaiah.

ITEM No: II-(Property of Mr. R. H. RAMAKRISHNA SETTY) : All That Piece And Parcel Of the immovable property bearing Municipal Old Khatha/Assessment No.3567/3449 and the present Khatha/Assessment No.3449/3343, situated at Hunsur Road, K.R. Nagar Town, Mysore District, measuring East to West 100 Feet and South to North on the Eastern Side 100 Feet and on the Western Side 95 Feet (100 x 100 + 95/2), in all measuring 9750 Square Feet together with building constructed/to be constructed thereon and bounded on East by: House of Adilakshmamma, West by:House of Jayaramegowda, North by:Municipal Galli & South by: Hunsur Main Road.

ITEM No: III-(Property of Mr. PRASHANTH R. S.) SCHEDULE-A :(Description of the land on which the apartment building namely 'SUGUNA UPPER CREST' has been constructed) : All That Piece And Parcel Of residential converted land bearing Survey No.286/2, 286/3, 286/4, 286/5 & 286/6 (Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(S)SR.KT.129/2003-04, ALN(S)SR.KT.130/2003-04, ALN(S)SR.KT.131/2003-04 and ALN(S)SR.KT.132/2003-04, dated 08.03.2004) Municipal No. 1196/286/2/286/3/286/4/286/5 & 286/6, BBMP Ward No. 160, Rajarajeshwarinagar Ward, in all measuring 1,24,693Sq. ft out of total extent of 1,65,528 Sq. ft. situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on East by: 45 feet road, West by : Land bearing Survey No.287, 291/1, And 286/6,North by: Portion of Land bearing Survey No.286/2, 286/3, 286/4 And 286/5 Conveyed to M/s. National Education Trust & South by : Remaining Land in Survey No.286/6.

SCHEDULE-B (Description of the property mortgaged to the Bank) : All that Part and parcel of undivided share, right, title and interest over the Schedule-A property to the extent of 646 sq. ft.

SCHEDULE-C (Description of the property mortgaged to the Bank) : Apartment bearing Unit No.834 in THIRD floor, in Wing No.08 Having Super built up area of 1675 sq. ft. Constructed on Schedule-A property consisting of 3 BHK accommodation with TWO covered car parking demarcated with the respective unit number in the basement floor of the apartment complex "SUGUNA UPPER CREST".

Your aforesaid account has become Non Performing Asset as mentioned in the above table.By virtue of the documents duly executed by you all, the mortgage charge has been created in favour of the Bank on the aforesaid immovable property.

The Bank hereby informs you all that under Sub- Section (13) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Hereinafter referred to as the Act) shall, after receipt of this notice refrain from either transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise create third party interest (other than in the ordinary course of business) in the above mentioned Secured asset, without prior written consent of the Bank.

In view of the above the Bank hereby issues this notice under Sub-section (2) of the Section 13 of the Act and calls upon you all to pay **Rs.28,02,20,741.82** (Rupees Twenty Eight Crore Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One and Paisa Eighty Two Only). an amount mentioned in the table hereinabove, together with contractual interest and legal & other incidental expenses with future interest prevailing from time to time from 01-04-2025 until the date of payment and costs, within 60 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the Bank shall be constrained to attach, sell and/ or take all actions as envisaged in Sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act and/or adopt any other legal proceeding against all of you before the competent Court /Authority including before the Debt Recovery Tribunal which please note.

Date : 29.04.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **SVC Co-operaive Bank Ltd.**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**Mr. Ramesh A S (Borrower)** **No 09, Uttarhalli Taluk,** Beyond Tractor Naray Anappa Building, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Andhrahalli Village, Viswaneedam Post, Bengaluru 560091 **Also at: Harshita Processors, Designation:** Proprietor No 09, Andrahalli Village, Near Dhanalakshmi Bar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru 560091 **Also at:** No 158, 2nd Cross, Sri Chakra Nagar, Andrahalli Village, Viswaneedam Post, Bengaluru 560091. **Mrs. J Mamatha K (Co-Borrower),** No 158, 2nd Cross, Sri Chakra Nagar, Andrahalli Village, Viswaneedam Post, Bengaluru 560091.	Loan A/c No. 1) 625908175 Rs.27,57,128/- 2) 630926485 Rs. 1,51,855/- Total Amount Rs.29,08,983/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three Only) as on 31.03.2025	21.04.2025 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.11.2024	All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Northern Portion of **Site No. 158,** Khatha No.88, present BBMP Khata No.712 as per Form B, bearing Assessment No.88/1, 88/2, 88/4, 88/5, 88/6, 88/7 & 89 of Andarahalli Village, Shree Chakra Nagar Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560091, BBMP Ward No.40, measuring East to West 40 Ft & North to South 15 Ft, totally measuring **600 Sq.ft** and property being bounded on the **East by :** Site No.153, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** Site No.157, **South by :** Remaining Southern Portion of the Site No.158. Along with House constructed in the Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor, and if any construction thereon, present and future.

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 03.05.2025 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

CIN: L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031.
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(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. No.	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID & QR Code of Property Survey	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(iv) Mortgaged Property Address	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time EMD of Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1.	INR 12008659.34/- Demand Notice dated: 24-May-2022	21310782 & 10024207823	Rajasekhar Singamsetty & Suma S R	All That Piece And Parcel Of, The Residential Flat No. 206 (3Bhk) In 2Nd Floor, In The Residential Apartment Building Known As "Roshan Platinum Apartment", Having (1440.00 Sq. Ft Carpet Area), Super Built Up Area Of 2279.00 Sq. Ft, Property Constructed On Land Bearing Sy. No. 83/1, Measuring 1 Acre 06 Guntas And Sy.No. 83/2, Measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas, Totally Measuring 2 Acres 24 Guntas, (Converted Vide Official Memorandum Dated 1-10-2010, Bearing No. Aln (Sb) Sr: 68/2010-11) Issued By The Special Debuty Commissioner), Bangalore, Now Said Property Comes Under The Limis Of Bbmp, Ward No. 193, Arekee Sub-Division, Present Municipal No. 1337, Bbmp Katha No. 1337/83/1/83/2, Situated At Arekare Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, And Bounded On The:East: Sy. No. 82 , West: Sy. No. 85 ,North: Sy. No. 84 & South: Road	INR 11112168.87/-	INR 1111216.88/-	20-May-2025 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	19-May-2025 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	14-May-2025 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name- Neha Rao Contact Number- 9620788891 Name- Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091

QR Codes of Property Location & Property Images

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Date: 03.05.2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT INTENDS TO PURCHASE THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY FROM ITS OWNER **MRS.G.AYEASHA SIDDIQA G.** W/O GUNDLURU MOHAMMED ASIF RAHEMAN. AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, R/AT.NO.57. K.NO.28.1, 2ND FLOOR POPULAR COLONY 3RD CROSS MANGAMMANAPALYA BANGALORE-560068. AADHAAR NO.975920901059.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute Asserting any rights, title, claim or charge in the schedule property ,having any claims against the property/or its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned **within 7 Days** from issuing of this public Notice. With all documentary proof/s on which they are their rights over the schedule property or any part thereof after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there is no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY **NORTHERN PORTION OF RESIDENCIAL SITE NO.9. KATHA NO.21/4.** E AASTHI NO.1713894644. SITE FORMED IN SY NO.21/4. SITUATED AT, YELLUKUNTE VILLAGE BEGUR HOBLI BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK. BANGALORE BBMP WARD NO.190.MEASURING EAST TO WEST 40 FEET NORTH TO SOUTH 15 FEET, TOTALLY MEASURING 600 SQ. FEET, BOUNDED ON THE

EAST BY : ROAD
WEST BY : SITE NO.18.
NORTH BY : SITE NO.10.
SOUTH BY : REMAINING PORTION OF SITE NO.9. BELONGS TO MRS.RABIA SUFI

S. RASHEED SAHEB, ADVOCATE,
NO.42.6TH B CROSS BALAJINAGARA
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Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq. No. 612/P1/EMPW12981 Dated: 28.04.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_139535_1** for Mtc. of railway track in GGSSTP railway yard (equated length 35.266 KM) and railway track from Ropar railway station to GGSSTP railway station (RTP block section) equated length 7.506 KM. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **30.04.2025** from **05.00 PM** onwards.

Note: - Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

418/RTP-44/25-5/2/2025
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Bommasandra Main Branch
KIADB Building, Bommasandra Industrial Area Complex, Bengaluru-Hosur Road, Bommasandra,
Ph: 9483521420, E-mail: cb1420@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer **of Canara Bank, Bommasandra Main Branch** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors /Guarantors: **1.Mrs. Wilson** S/o Roffy, No.LIG 3, B-6, 301, Surya City, Anekal Road, Karnataka Housing Board Colony, Bengaluru- 560099. **2. Mr. Aswathappa,** M P P Pvt Ltd 5.A. BI A Bangal, Bommasandra, Bilga, Anekal, Bangalore- 560099.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Date of sanction	Sanction Amount	Liability With Interest as on date	Rate of Interest
1.	1420619 000178	Housing Finance	29-01-2010	Rs. 8,55,000/-	Rs. 9,10,639.83	11.70% PLUS 2 % Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.9,10,639.83 (Rupees Nine Lakh Ten Thousands Six Hundred Thirty Nine and Paisa Eighty Three Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 05.04.2023 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.04.2025**

Details of Security Assets

Name of Title holder: Mr.Wilson S/o Raffy , CERSAI Security ID : 100001797549

SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of immovable property/land in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board at Suryanagar Project, in land bearing various survey Nos of Iggaluru- Banahalli of Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring approximately 283 Acres and acquired under three notifications Viz., KA GRU MUM/BHOO SVAA VI 1/15/98:99 dated 14.1.1999, KA GRU MUM/BHOO SVAA VI 1/13/98:99 dated 14.1.1999 and KA GRU MUM/BHOO SVAA VI 2/90:91 dated 10.10.1990. East to West : 37.00 meters,North to South : (31.00+31.30/2) meters. and having a total area ofn 1152.55 Sq. Mtrs and bounded on: East by: Road, West by : Block No.5, LIG Type-3, North by: Road, South by : Private Land.

SCHEDULE-B: The vendor having sold 1/(30+1 shop) i.e., {(1152.55/ 1964.14)*65.00} = 38.14 Sq.Mtrs undivided interest in all of the above property to the purchaser.

SCHEDULE-C: All those premises being a residential Apartment/ Apartment/ Tenement bearing No.301 on the Third Floor of Block No:6, LIG TYPE-3, consisting of 30 and 1 Shop, residential apartments/ in the Multistoried Building/Block constructed on the property described in Schedule-A hereto (including one half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and floor of the apartment above it and internal wall and external wall between such levels).

SCHEDULE OF TENEMENT REFERRED TO: The boundary schedule of the apartment bearing No: 301 L3 B6 is Bounded on: East by: Flat No.302 L3 B6, West by: Flat No.304 L3 B5, North by: Open to sky, South by: Corridor. Containing Kitchen, Hall, 2 Bedrooms, Bath & Toilet, approximately measuring 65.00 Sq.Mtrs, super built area and joint undivided interest/ownership in the common space, passages, pipes drains and staircase.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 02.05.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed and notified, that a case bearing Regular First Appeal No:-1595/2021 **Smt. Kalyani and another** V/s **M/s Kanyakumari Builders Pvt Ltd and others** (preferred against an order being passed in OS No:-3208/2008) is pending adjudication on the file of High Court of Karnataka, at Bengaluru, with an interim injunction of alienation, with respect to the lands bearing Sy.No. 19/1, 20/5 and 27/3 measuring 8 Acres of Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, now fallen within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and known as HSR Layout, Bengaluru and morefully described in the Schedule herein below. Any person/s dealing with the said property in issue, would deal so, at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of the property measuring 8 Acres, curved out of Survey No. 19/1, 20/5 and 27/3 of Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru now fallen within the administration and jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and known as HSR Layout, Bengaluru and bounded on the : **East by:** Lands in Sy.No.45, **West by:** Remaining portion of Sy.No.25/1 and Sy.No.27/4, **North by:** Property in K.S.R.P, **South by:** 100 feet Ring Road.

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No. 27/3, measuring an extent of 1 acre 6 guntas and 19/1 measuring to an extent of 06 guntas of Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the: **East by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No.19/1 & Sy.No.27/3, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property in K.S.R.P., **South by:** 100 feet Ring Road.

Item No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No: 122, CMC Khatha No. 247, Ward No. 15, formed in Sy.No. 19/1, 20/5 & 27/3 in the layout formed by Kendra Upadyayara Sangha, situated at Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, previously within the administrative jurisdiction of Bommanahalli CMC, now fallen within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, and known as HSR Layout, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet in all measuring 2400 square and bounded on the : **East by :** Road, **West by:** Site No. 123, **North by:** Site No. 121, **South by:** Road.

Item No. 4 : All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No: 123, CMC, Khatha No:248, Ward No: 15, formed in Sy.No. 19/1, 20/5 & 27/3 in the layout formed by Kendra Upadyayara Sangha, situated at Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, previously within the administrative jurisdiction of Bommanahalli CMC, now fallen within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, and known as HSR Layout, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet in all measuring 2400 square and bounded on the : **East by:** Site No. 122, **West by :** Site No. 124, **North by:** Site No. 120 & 119, **South by:** Road.

G. NATARAJ, Advocate
No.90, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Sampige Road, Near Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
Mo. No. 9845172137
Bengaluru, Date : 02.05.2025

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: CEE/TKR/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AEE–1/2025-26/746-48 Date: 24.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following Bid Enquiry Number on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

Bid Enquiry Number / Nature of Work

1) **KPTCL/CEE/TR(OZ)/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Bid Enq-0001 Dated: 15.04.2025** for Providing Additional 3 No of 11kv MCVCB Feeder Breaker for **Atal Bhujal Yojana** at **220/66/11kv R/S A.N.Halli,** Antarasanahalli Nodal Centre, Operation Division, Tumakuru.

2) **KPTCL/CEE/TRZ(O)/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Bid Enq-0003 Dated: 15.04.2025** for Providing additional 2No's of 11kV, MEI Make, PCVCB type Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded existing feeders at **66/11 kV S/S Honnudike** in A.N Hallli Nodal Center, KPTCL, Operation Division, Tumakuru.

3) **KPTCL/CEE/TR(O)Z/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Bid Enq-0007 Dated: 17.04.2025** for Providing additional 2No's of 11kV, MEI Make, 350MVA, 800A,20kA PCVCB type Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded existing feeders at **110/11 kV S/s Doddaguni** in Gubbi Nodal Center, KPTCL, Operation Division, Tumakuru.

4) **KPTCL/CEE/TR(O)Z/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Bid Enq-0008 Dated: 19.04.2025** for Providing additional 2No's of 11kV, MEI Make, 500MVA, 1250A, 25kA PCVCB type Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded existing feeders at **66/11 kV S/s Bhaktharahalli** in Anchepalya Nodal Center, KPTCL, Operation Division, KB Cross.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "Karnataka Public Procurement Portal" mode can be obtained by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 04.05.2025.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, "Prasarana Bhavan", 1st Floor, 66/11KV Tumakuru S/s Premises, Tumakuru - 572103.

सेन्ट बैंक होम फायनेन्स लिमिटेड Cent Bank Home Finance Limited

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया की अनुषंगी Subsidiary of Central Bank of India

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
(POSSESSION NOTICE)
For immovable property

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **CENT BANK HOME FINANCE LTD, Bangalore Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 3, 2002 issued Demand Notice Upon the Borrower/s guarantors mentioned below to repay the amount to **CENT BANK HOME FINANCE LTD, Bangalore Branch** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rules 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrowers/ guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CENT BANK HOME FINANCE LTD, Bangalore** for the amount and interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor & LAN No.	Description of the Property	Date of NPA / 13(2) Notice / Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (₹)
Mrs. Banumathi R W/o Mr. Kalegowda G LAN : 00903020000003	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.59/1, old No.59, having in PID NO.26-75-59/1, situated at Jakkarayanakere, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the BBMP Limits, Ward No.26 Bangalore, Measuring **East** to West:20 ft, **North**-to **South**-15 Totally., 300. Sq Ft **Boundaries: East**- Private Property, **West**-Road, **North**- Private Property 58, **South**- Private Property 60,	10.01.2025 28.01.2025 29.04.2025 (Symbolic)	**15,33,201.55** + Interest & all other charges
Mr. Manjunath.S W/o Mrs. Monica. M LAN : 00903010000177 and 00903020000105	All that piece and parcel of the Portion of the property bearing House List No. 518/5, VP Katha No.556, Situated at Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now BBMP Ward No.148, Ejipura bearing PID No.68-259-556, 24th Cross, Egipura, Bangalore, measuring East to West:15 North to South : 42 feet Total 630, **Boundaries:** Property of Neshan, **West**- Private Property, **North**- Private Property, **South**- 20 Feet Road,	08.01.2025 28.01.2025 29.04.2025 (Symbolic)	**56,47,365.50** + Interest & all other charges
Mr. N. Murugesan Wo Mrs. Indrani Murgugesan LAN : 00902070001564.	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.13, Khath No.23/3, Khatha No.21/23/3, Situated at Varanasi @ Jinkkethimanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West:20feet North to South :40feet, Total:800 **Boundaries: East**- Site No.14, **West**- Private Property, **North**- Road, **South**- Site No.20,	08.01.2025 28.01.2025 29.04.2025 (Symbolic)	**26,98,036.00** + Interest & all other charges

Place : Bangalore, Date: 02.05.2025 **Authorized Officer, Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd., Bangalore**

Branch : 850/2, 1st Floor, Sai Sumukh, D-Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore – 560092, Ph No.080-46182255, www.cbhfl.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Rajesh Kakkoth Chandran/ Shyni Punathil- House No 3, Sanjeev Reddy Street Ayappan Banasvadi Temple, M S Nagar, Bangalore Karnataka Bangalore- 560004 / LBVDK00004906365/ LBBNG00005117829/ LBVDK00003365207	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All Parts And Parcels In Property of 1.76 Are In Sy No. 35/4B, Re Sy No. 23/ 19 (As Perfa Re Sy No. 23/13), Block No. 56, Villayapally Panchayath, Villayapally Village, Vadakara Taluk , Kozhikode Dist. Bounded By: North: Property And House Belongs To Ashari South: Balance Parambu East: Balance Parambu West: Panchayath Road	March 15, 2025 Rs. 27,18,913.56/-	03-06-2024
2.	2. Kiran Krishna P S/ Sivadas P K/ K K Nivas Kodumbu Pezhumpallam Kinassery Kerala Palakkad- 678701 LBPGT00006341724/ TBPGT00006330029	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All Parts And Parcels In Property of 10.11 Are In Sy No. 67A/6, Re Sy No. 34/2, Block No. 47, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad Dist. Bounded By: North: Panchayath Road South: Narayanan's Land East: My own Property West: My own Property	March 17, 2025 Rs. 22,92,678.12/-	11-01-2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 03, 2025 Sincerely, Authorised Signatory
Place: Bangalore For ICICI Bank Ltd.

YES BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office : Yes Bank House, Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz East, Mumbai-400055.
Branch Office : Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of **60 days.**

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules. The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

Sr. No.1	Agreement No.: 004884600000471 & 048LA40213240001	Type of Loan: OD & WPCCG	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: to Rs.56867180.49/-	Sec.13(2) Notice Date: 03-02-2025	Symbolic Date: 28-04-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: 1. M/s. R R Enterprises (Represented by its Proprietor), 2) Maheshwari R, 3) Indrani R, 4) Naveen R

Details of secured asset: 1) Property at Site No.B217 BBMP Khatha No.6 PID No.11-67-6 situated at Truck Terminal at Industrial Suburb II Stage Yeshwantpura Bangalore. Measuring East to West 6.50 Meters and North to South 25.20 Meters in all measuring 131.63 Meters. Bounded as East by Site No.B216, West by Site No.B218, North by Site No.B196 South by Road. **2)** Property at Site No.7 BBMP Khatha No.2 PID No.11-28-2 situated at Goraguntepalya (Jarakabande kaval) Bangalore, Measuring East to west 40 Ft. and North to South 30ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq. ft. Bounded as East by Property No.3, West by Road, North by Property No.4, South by Property No.8. **3)** Property at Site No.8 BBMP Khatha No.4 PID No.11-28-4 situated at Goraguntepalya (Jarakabande kaval) Bangalore, Measuring East to west 40 Ft. and North to South 30 Ft., in all measuring 1200 Sq. ft. Bounded as East by Site No.9, West by Road, North by Site No.7, South by Property No.13.

This is to bring to your attention that under Sec.13(8) of SARFAESI Act, where the number of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for the public auction/ tender/ private treaty, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred and no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date : 03-05-2025 Sd/-
Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer**
Yes Bank Limited

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

No: DYES/ES/AP/162/2024-25 **Date: 02/05/2025**

Retender Notification
(Through E- Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the Work of Upgradation of Rajiv Gandhi taluk Stadium, madhugiri, Tumkuru District

Sl. No.	Particulars	Estimated Amount	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Upgradation of Rajiv Gandhi taluk Stadium, madhugiri, Tumkuru. District (Call-2).	Rs 500.00 Lakhs	Rs 423.72 Lakhs	Rs 6,35,592.00	31/05/2025 time 16:30 Hrs	02/06/2025 time 11.00 Hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/451/AKAR/2025-26

SURABHI SOUHARDHA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED.,

No. 02, Surabhi Sahakari Sadan, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Attimabbe Road, C.T. Bed Extension, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. Ph: 080-26794511, Mob: 9742060295, E-mail:sscclt@ymail.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the Co-op Limited acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Co-op Limited, upon the following terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION

a) E-Auction is being on **"As is where is" and "What is there is"** and the Co-op Limited is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal - **www.auctionbazaar.com** at the Date and Time as mentioned below:-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **"Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Limited" Banashankari Branch Bangalore.** by Demand Draft or **Bank of India** for NEFT/RTGS to **Current Account No.848320110000033 And IFSC Code : BKID0008483** at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on **www.auctionbazaar.com** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class- ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please Contact: **Auction Bazaar, Website: www.auctionbazaar.com Ph. No.: 8370969696, 7799728999, E-mail ID: disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com and contact@auctionbazaar.com**
e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Co-op Limited and the Co-op Limited will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted by bidders and the Co-op Limited would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within **30 days** from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Co-op Limited shall entertain no claims.
I) Nothing in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Co-op Limited to sell the property. Co-op Limited reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : (1) K S Nagendra Prasad S/o K S Sreedhara Murthy, No.499, Kodihalli Road, K E B Road, H M Doddi, Near Govt Cocoon Market, Kanakapura, Ramanagara-562117. **Guarantor : C K Vinutha** W/o K S Nagendra Prasad, No.499, Kodihalli Road, K E B Road, H M Doddi, Near Govt Cocoon Market, Kanakapura Ramanagara-562117.

The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold : ML A/c No.00001000266 of Rs.2,00,02,062/- (Rupees Two Crore Two Thousand Sixty Two only) as on 12.08.2024.

Schedule Property: Item No.1: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing khatha No.604/568, Old Purasabhe Khatha No.433/433, PID No.6-2-25 of M G Road, Ward No.25, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara District, measuring front portion East to West :5.48641 meter, North to South: 4.572009 meter(18*15 feet) and backyard measuring East to West : 6.098012 meter, North to South:14.020828 meter (20*46=1130 Sqft) totally 110.554570 Sq.Meters (1189.567 sft) and building and bounded as follows: East by: Property bearing PID No.6-2-27 and 6-2-29 now owned by Smt. K S Sharmila, West by: Property bearing PID No.6-2-31 now owned by Smt K R Channakeshava, North by: M G Road, South by: Property of Sri K R Narasimhaiah.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing Katha No.605/569, old Purasabhe Katha No. 605/569, PID No.6-2-27 of M G Road, Ward No. 25, Kanakpura Town, Ramanagar District, measuring East to West: 6.096012 mtrs & North to South: 4.572009+5.181610/2 Mtrs (20X15+17/2 feet), totally 29.72896 Sq Meters(319.8836 sft) and bounded as follows: East by: Property belongs to Smt. Latha Ramachandra, West by: Property bearing No.6-2-25, North by: M G Road, South by: Property bearing PID No.6-2-29.

Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing Katha No.605/570, Old Purasabhe Katha No.606/570, PID No.6-2-29 of M G Road, Ward No.25, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagar District. East to West: 6.400813 mtrs & North to South:19.507239 Mtrs (20X15+17/2 feet) totally 124.8616 Sq Meters (1343.511 sft)and bounded as follows: East by: Property belongs to Smt. Latha Ramachandra, West by: Property bearing No.6-2-25, North by: Property bearing No.6-2-27 South by: Property Owned by Smt. Jayamma. **Totally 265.14513 Sq.Meters (2852.96 sft)**

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Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 01.05.2025	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	46989440000418	1) Mrs. Lakshmamma, 2) Mr. Rakesh R	30.08.2023	12.03.2025	Rs.4,17,916.70 (Rupees Four Lakh Seventeen Thousand NineHundred Sixteen and Seventy Paisa Only)	14.05.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.6,40,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Rs.64,000/- (Rupees Sixty Four Thousand Only)	20.05.2025 @ 02:00 PM	19.05.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
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2	32509440000303 32509410000741 & 32509410001072	1) Mrs. Anjali J, Prop. **M/s. Balaji Chicken Center,** 2) Mr. Jaganathan S Subramani	07.11.2024	11.04.2025	Rs.13,84,711.99 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven and Ninety Nine Paisa Only)	23.05.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.16,80,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	Rs.1,68,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Only)	06.06.2025 @ 02:00 PM	05.06.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property Apartment bearing Site No.2, Serial No.1794, Property No.650/1/2, Kata No.650/ 1/2, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet North to South: 25 Feet Totally 750 Sq.feet. Situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.2A, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.1.									

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For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob. No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 03.05.2025, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

EDITORIAL

"The nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood, the carbon in our apple pies were made in the interiors of collapsing stars. We are made of star-stuff" — Carl Sagan

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— Ramnath Goenka

RATIONALISE RATES, SET UP TRIBUNAL TO STREAMLINE TAX SYSTEM

INDIA'S goods and services tax collections are on a tear. In April, revenues touched an all-time high of ₹2.36 lakh crore, registering an increase of 12.6 percent over the previous April. The surge reflects strong domestic consumption, increasing formalisation of the economy and better compliance. Though the buoyant haul reflects an ongoing recovery and growth, much of the increase was due to the year-end reconciliation process when businesses typically align their tax returns, resulting in additional tax payments. Besides, the notable figures may have also been bumped up by the substantial exports to the US ahead of the announcement of reciprocal tariffs. In the months ahead, a moderation in absolute GST collections is anticipated due to global economic headwinds, even as the overall outlook for the Indian economy remains optimistic. Given minimal disruptions, the government's budget forecasts of a 11 percent rise in GST revenue, with collections touching ₹11.78 lakh crore this fiscal, should not be a tough task.

While the buoyancy in collections is expected to sustain, what's concerning is the delay in the GST Council's decisions. It's expected to convene once every three months, but is not doing so. The last meeting was held in December and the next is expected later this month or the next, which is a gap of nearly six months. The delay is raising concerns over clarity on critical issues such as rate rationalisation. For instance, following the personal income tax relief in the February budget, none other than Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman confirmed that GST rates will fall further. She also reasoned that the revenue-neutral rate, at which tax revenue remains the same despite changes in tax laws, reduced from 15.8 percent in 2017 to 11.4 percent in 2023; more correction is expected.

A ministers' group set up for this task has submitted its report, but analysts expect the need for at least two or three council meetings to arrive at a final decision. The next meeting, whenever it happens, must take up the rationalisation process including reducing tax slabs and streamlining rates. For one, it should take a call on lowering the rate on health and life insurance premiums from 18 percent to 5 percent. And the long-delayed GST Appellate Tribunal needs to be set up soon, as its absence affects both taxpayers and the government.

FACE EARTH'S CHALLENGES WHILE SEARCHING ET LIFE

A hint of extra-terrestrial (ET) life detected from observations by the James Webb Space Telescope has got the world bubbling with excitement. A study of exoplanet K2-18b has indicated bio-signatures or chemical fingerprints of biological activity, particularly the presence of methane, carbon dioxide and dimethyl sulphide and/or dimethyl disulphide in its atmosphere. The last two are produced exclusively through biological processes. This explains the excitement over the possibility of life with a hydrogen-rich atmosphere about 124 light-years from Earth.

K2-18b revolves around a cool dwarf star called K2-18 in the constellation Leo. Although it is about 8.6 times the mass of Earth, its orbit around its dim parent star is much closer, qualifying it to be in a habitable zone with the possibility of liquid water on or under its surface. The detection of bio-signatures has led to speculation that at least microbial life could exist on K2-18b, much like on Earth billions of years ago.

The excitement is justified. Finding bio-signatures on an exoplanet is a first. However, what the scientists, led by those from the University of Cambridge, have detected only indicates the possibility of life. But in what form it exists, if at all, is not known. For that, significantly more advanced technologies are needed, as the study of bio-signatures is still in its infancy. Detection of just the chemical fingerprints, although an important beginning, cannot qualify as a "scientific discovery". Despite that, hopes to find ET life should not be lost. The probability of it existing on millions—or even billions—of exoplanets across the universe is considered much higher now than ever before.

But as we go looking for signs of life light-years away, let us not forget that we have not yet explored more than a tenth of our own terrestrial oceans, from the depths of which life is understood to have begun 3.5 billion years ago on this 4.54 billion-year-old Earth. Nor has the human species been able to protect itself from itself, let alone the 90 percent of species that went extinct due to anthropogenic factors since humans took the first steps just 3,00,000 years ago. We remain challenged, not just technologically, but also in our capabilities to sustain ourselves, our ecology and our environment. That is a challenge worth overcoming.

QUICK TAKE

A MONTH FOR HOBBIDAYS

IN a world constantly searching for new ways to travel beyond cookie-cutter trips, 'hobbiday' has become a new coinage. The portmanteau of the words 'hobby' and 'holiday' might be useful in a month parents are scratching their heads about how best to use their children's summer vacation. Want to forage for food in a jungle and cook new dishes with the family? There are tour operators in several metros who would oblige. They can also plan stargazing, sports-watching, ceramics-shaping or fitness-minded travel. One old trend that has fitted into this craze is guided historical tours, in which well-known historians will potter among ruins and tell you a fascinating tale or three.

It doesn't help when others' reading of a conflict is forced on the locals. The quieter voices for peace must be heard as much as the hawkish ones for revenge

KASHMIR RINGS FAMILIAR NOTES IN NORTHEAST

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SOURAV ROY

THE massacre of innocents at Pahalgam in Kashmir shocked the nation and the world. It was one of those moments when civilisation and its values seemed completely eclipsed by a dark, atavistic madness in humans, which great literature such as Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* provided terrifying glimpses of.

It was indeed an *Apocalypse Now* moment. What, however, is equally frightening and surprising is that it took just five radical murderers to overturn a nation's composure so completely and expose what now seems no less than a primordial faultline running deep in the heart of India, along a religious line. In Kashmir, this faultline seems even deeper—for here, the trouble is more than about religion, but also sub-nationalistic aspirations among a section of Kashimiris for secession from India.

The surge of retributive anger along with a swell of patriotic fervour in India following the carnage can only be the oxymoronic phrasal adjective "terrible beauty" that poet W B Yeats used to describe the mix of fear and admiration he felt while silently watching ordinary people transform to become possessed by an awesome energy almost overnight in the wake of a similar surge of Irish nationalism around the Easter of 1916.

This visible current mass psychology in India as a response to a single terror attack has another story to tell. No spark can cause an inferno if there was to be nothing to catch fire in the first place. Hence, the normalcy that had supposedly been restored in this beleaguered state now seems a veneer just enough to camouflage a deeply entrenched scar in the minds of ordinary Indians, needing only a spark to bring back old distrust, resurrecting the spectre of the old emotional wall which can cause the further isolation of Kashmir.

It also means that the apparent peace and stability that came after the containment of the prolonged violent public agitations following the August 2019 abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave Kashmir a special status within India, was not much more than what conflict scholar Johan Galtung has called 'negative peace'—which is the mere absence of overt violence. Even if such a peace gets stabilised and normalised, it remains no more than a 'frozen conflict' where hostilities are kept suppressed, but is far from a comprehensive 'positive peace', marked by an all-round sense of justice among all stakeholders, reached consensually through give-and-take deals that leave no party in a losing position.

This analogy of the spark and the flame can also throw valuable light on the readiness to jump to conclusion, rightly or otherwise, that the trouble in Kashmir is a proxy, and that the instigator is the usual suspect—Pakistan. Even if this is proven, the truth is if Kashmir were to have been in a state of 'positive peace', no instigation from anywhere would have had any effect worthy of being considered a serious threat to peace and normalcy, or to the nation's security as such.

The fragility of a 'negative peace' hence is what is being demonstrated in this unfolding tragedy. Surely, a majority of Kashmiris would not be endorsing such acts of mindless terror, even if many of these same Kashmiris are also among those who feel the weight of alienation from the Indian mainstream. Confirming this, several photographs and videos emerging from the terror scene show local Kashmiris helping surviving victims. Unfortunately, these do not make materials for screaming headlines. Nationalism by itself is exclusive, but groundswells of ultra-nationalism can numb all thoughts of the possibility of virtues in those on the other side of the conflicted divide.

There is yet another reality faced in societies exposed to prolonged civil unrests or violent conflicts which is revealed in this unfolding crisis. It is a truism that on each side of any conflict, there would be sabre-rattling hawks as well as docile, peace-loving but silent or silenced doves. It also is most of the time true that it is the hawks, even if they constitute a small percentage of the total population, are the ones who get to be heard and seen.

Observers not sensitive enough to discern this difference generally go back with the impression the hawkish voices represent the mood ofthe entire community. Sadly, this time too, the crime of just five murderous radicals is threatening to change the entire narrative of Kashmir amid the emotive surge of powerful nationalistic emotions. Hopefully, voices of moderation will also grow to provide the balance sooner than later, and the state's as well as the people's response to the shocking crime will be more precise and surgical than indiscriminate.

Those from the conflict zones of the Northeast will have little trouble understanding these troubling thoughts on the fragility of 'negative peace' or to see that 'frozen conflicts' do not amount to comprehensive and lasting peace—or for that matter, peace at all. As in Kashmir, they have also had to watch with hurtful consternation in so many situations, the tendency of being treated as the 'other' in the conflict binary, by the Indian state as well as ordinary citizenry.

Not all, but much of the national media too, who at other times are little aware or attentive of the issues in the Northeast, para-troop into the region in times of newsworthy conflicts and end up trying to fit the conflict dynamics in the region—which are never as straightforward as in other parts of India, or even Kashmir—into the conflict templates they are familiar with, giving very wrong diagnoses of the problems at hand. At other times, they come with their ideological baggage to offload, again ending up with reportage painfully contrary to how actual stakeholders understood their own lived experiences.

No civil conflict is unidimensional, and therefore no comprehensive solution to them can be unidimensional either. Many of the factors behind these conflicts too tend not to show on the conflict radar therefore go unnoticed. Efforts must however be to identify these invisible stakes and stakeholders within before a conflict can be resolved comprehensively. *(Views are personal)*

DRAMATISING THE LIVES OF OTHERS

MADHAVAN NARAYANAN
Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

THERE is a joke among Telugu speakers that if Lord Krishna were to appear today, people would exclaim: "Who is this person who looks so much like N T Rama Rao?" The actor became chief minister of the undivided Andhra Pradesh on the back of powerful mythological roles.

That joke came to mind recently as I watched *Phule*, director Ananth Mahadevan's biopic on the 19th century social reformer Jyotiba Phule, who, with his wife Savitribai, revolutionised women's education and challenged an entrenched caste system. As a figure somewhat lost in the larger-than-life stories of B R Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi and E V Ramasamy Periyar, Phule's story as a person who preceded and inspired these leaders is one that needed to be told to younger audiences. There is nothing like a biopic to do that.

Visuals have the power to stir and store memories, and biopics play a strong role in binding generations to images, facts and tales surrounding them. They can have a downside, too. Solid research and responsible dramatisation separate the men from the boys among biopic makers. Those shining light on the grey shades of subjects are rare, but that is an inherent challenge in portraying celebrities.

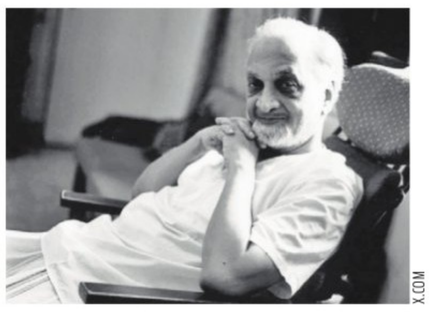
Some accuracy can be lost in drama, some in shoddy research, and some in storytelling style. Cinematic licence, like its poetic equivalent, has its virtues, though propaganda films are not quite the same as real biopics. Perhaps the audience can figure this out. A recent biopic on Veer Savarkar has been a resounding flop despite the nationalistic fervour sweeping the country.

A biopic that made the world sit up was Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi*, that swept the Oscars in 1982. When people were wondering why a British filmmaker rather than an Indian should make a biopic on the Mahatma, Satyajit Ray remarked that Gandhi was "too close" a figure for Indians to portray objectively. As it happened, Attenborough's version was celebratory enough for Indians, with the leader's halo acquiring more shine across the planet.

Of late, there has been a trend to make biopics on living figures such as *M S Dhoni: The Untold Story* (2016) and *Shabaash Mithu* on cricketer Mithali Raj (2022). Such biopics do well at the box office, but can leave historians or informed viewers unimpressed.

I found director Hansal Mehta's web series *Scam 1992*—a fictionised account of disgraced stockbroker Harshad Mehta—both fascinating and underwhelming. It worked because of the way it captured the financial shenanigans of its times, but it felt contrived because I was a close witness to the events as a journalist.

Like a movie based on a novel, a historical biopic has its limitations—more so when you know there is a bigger market for stories of heroism than authentic portrayals of celebrities with warts showing. I quite liked Barry Levinson's grey-tinted *Bugsy*, on the gangster who built Las Vegas as a casino city.



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> Some biopics bring alive historical characters worth shining a light on, like *Phule*. Ketan Mehta's *Sardar* excelled because of solid research and nuanced writing by Vijay Tendulkar. Barry Levinson's *Bugsy* did the rare thing of showing the subject's blemishes

Tales inspired by real figures but clearly identified as fiction may work better than shoddy biopics because the characters are not claimed to be real. Shyam Benegal's *Manthan*, inspired by Verghese Kurien and the White Revolution, and Mani Ratnam's *Guru*, inspired by Dhirubhai Ambani, fall in this category. Kurien deserves a real biopic, as do figures such as scientist M S Swaminathan. A biopic on former President APJ Abdul Kalam is expected later this year, and I hope it tells the story with more research than hagiographic excess.

Exploring the inner psyche of subjects through details on family life, childhood or special events, or capturing the social, technological or historical circumstances with a feel for the times is where biopics score well. I have watched a special screening of *Sardar*, Ketan Mehta's portrayal of Vallabhbhai Patel, with Shyam Benegal and lead actor Paresh Rawal in the audience alongside the director. Mehta said his clear aim was to make a positive biopic—so he chose to focus only on the last years of Patel, when he unified the princely states into modern India, and ended it without showing his demise. The film excelled because of solid research by celebrated writer Vijay Tendulkar that sketched the nuances of history and personalities. Professional historians rarely write such readable narratives, though Stanley Wolpert's biography of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is as good as watching a good biopic.

Danton, a grey figure of the French Revolution, comes alive through Gerard Depardieu's acting in Polish director Andrzej Wajda's version, and Rosa Luxemburg, the Polish Marxist revolutionary, in Margarethe von Trotta's biopic made in 1986. There is an enchanting feel when you watch historical biopics, as they help you travel in time, the way Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* took a reverse swing to 19th century America. That Abraham Lincoln inspired Phule is an uncelebrated fact in Indian history.

Movies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Ambedkar and Tamil poet Subramania Bharati come to mind among celebrated biopics. We need more biopics on scientists, artists, architects and writers than military, political and sporting figures who offer easier raw material for dramas that sell. Art excels when it converts the rare into the popular. *(Views are personal)*
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Centre's reversal

Ref: *Caste count in census welcome, but some big questions come next* (May 2). The caste census marks a major U-turn by the BJP-led government, which must now clarify its change in stance. If driven by genuine developmental goals, the move is welcome. But if politically motivated, it risks deepening divisions and could ultimately backfire.
Asad Kabir Nagari, email

Trump's record

Ref: *100 days that unmade US exceptionalism* (May 2). A hundred days into his presidency, Donald Trump's approval ratings have plunged. Public disillusionment is growing, as many now see that his trade war will raise consumer prices. Meanwhile, the US appears increasingly isolated on the world stage, eroding its global standing and influence.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Change unlikely

Ref: *Rivers that connect and divide* (May 2). The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty is a significant move. However, given its consistent prioritisation of terrorism over the welfare of its own people, this measure is unlikely to bring about any meaningful change in Pakistan's attitude towards India.
N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

IPL streak

Ref: *Six in a row! Mumbai keep up winning streak* (May 2). Mumbai Indians' six consecutive wins in the ongoing IPL are no surprise. The team boasts a formidable combination of proven leadership, squad depth, balance, and an unwavering fan base. With such strengths, they remain strong favourites to lift this year's IPL trophy.
S Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

Nurture Shreyas

Ref: *Skipper Shreyas' transformation* (May 2). Shreyas Iyer has defied the odds and is now proving his mettle both as a captain and a batsman. He has emerged as a consistent performer, showcasing superb technique, command over short-pitched deliveries, and adaptability across all formats of the game. It is high time he is groomed for greater responsibilities in Indian cricket.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Dismantle networks

Ref: *Shah warns of 'Chun chun ke jawab'* (May 2). The Pahalgam terror attack has exposed a serious lapse in the government's ability to safeguard national security. While a military strike on Pakistan might temporarily assuage public anger, we need long-term measures to dismantle terrorist networks.
Gulam Rabbani, Haveri

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat @gssjodhpur
Today, wherever there is talk of growth, India's name definitely comes up... under the leadership of PM Modi, India is a safe space for great development.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Modi govt, which till yesterday was shying away from even mentioning it & leaving no stone unturned in ridiculing and procrastinating, has today agreed to hold caste census

Chandra Shekhar Aazad @BhimArmyChief
India Justice Report 2025 shows the state of police force across the country is extremely worrying. Out of 21 lakh sanctioned posts, only 16 lakh are filled–a deficit of 23%

● Demand for sub-quota within OBCs and SCs may grow stronger ● Enumeration won't lead to social unrest, says Ramdas Athawale ● Assembly elections due this yr

BJP allies to have edge as caste count may reshape UP political landscape

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Centre's decision to include caste enumeration in the census process is set to reshape the political landscape of Uttar Pradesh dominated by caste equations. The move will give muscle to the BJP allies in the state to voice their demands for sub-quota within the OBC and SC/ST bracket.

BJP allies, including OP Rajbhar's Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), Sanjay Nishad's NISHAD party and Anupriya Pate's Apna Dal (S), have been advocating for carving out caste sub-groups within the OBC and SC categories so that the quota benefits could be judiciously extended.

The demand for quota within the quota found voice on the basis of the findings of Rohini Commission report, constituted in 2017 to examine the sub-categorisation of the OBCs and ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits to them. The commission submitted its report in 2023.

The argument for sub-categorisation within OBCs was accentuated in UP after the government set up a social justice committee, under the chairmanship of retired judge Raghvendra Kumar, which submitted its report to the state government in 2018.

Justice Raghvendra Kumar committee recommended division of OBC sub-castes into three categories: backward, more backward, and most backward. The Dalits were also divided into three categories: Dalit, Ati Dalit, and Maha Dalit.

"The party is thankful to PM Modi and the BJP's leadership for deciding in favour of caste census to help determining the social, economic, and political position of OBCs and the SC population ensuring a better distribution of resources leading to social justice in true sense," SBSP national general secretary Arun Rajbhar said.

Govt will decide on 50% quota cap, says minister

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the Congress upped ante over its demand for removing the 50 per cent ceiling on reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs, Union Minister of state for Social Justice and Empowerment **Ramdas Athawale** on Friday said that the decision lies with the Central government and it will take a call on the issue.

Speaking to this newspaper, Athawale said that the Supreme Court has set a 50 per cent limit on reservations in jobs and education through various rulings. "There is a guideline of the Supreme Court not to exceed 50 percent reservation .Currently Tamil Nadu has a reservation policy of 69 percent reservation placed under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution in 1994. The government will take a call on removing the 50 percent cap," he said.

Hailing the Centre's decision to include caste enumeration in the national Census, the minister said that the caste census was a long standing demand of the Republican Party of India (RPI), an ally of the NDA government. " I have raised the demand for caste census several occasions in Parliament. This will provide clear data of the caste –based marginalization and deprivation. ," he said adding that caste count is the need of the hour because government policies could truly reflect the lived realities of the marginalized communities.

While the Congress asked the government to fix a time frame for the caste enumeration, Athawale said that the past Congress governments failed to take initiative on conducting nationwide caste census.

"Congress governments were in power for a long time. They failed to take any decision on it. This will be the first caste census post Independence as the last caste census was done in 1931," he said.

Responding to Congress claims that the opposition parties including Congress pressurized the government to take this step, Athawale said,

"Rahul Gandhi always demanded a survey of OBC communities. He never asked for a survey of all castes. My party has always demanded that not only OBCs, but the head count of all castes should be done," he added.

While there is no clarity on the national census yet, the minister said he is hopeful that the government will announce the Census soon. On the status of Rohini Commission report on sub categorisation of OBCs, he said that the ministry is still studying various aspects of it.

Athawale also ruled out any possibility of caste census leading to social unrest. "The caste census will help the government to study every caste and their educational and social status. It will generate extensive data that can inform better policy-making by identifying the disadvantaged sections of society and implementing affirmative actions," he said.

Unease in RJD, Cong as BJP plays masterstroke with caste census move

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE NDA government's sudden announcement of caste enumeration in the next census will face its first test in the Bihar Assembly elections, which will be due later this year. These elections will determine whether the Modi-led government can achieve significant gains in a state where the politics of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) hold considerable influence.

With the BJP virtually playing a masterstroke with this announcement, the opposition parties, particularly the RJD and Congress, are left with no option but to claim that they have been demanding it for a long time.

Bihar was the first state to demand a caste census, and an all–party delegation, led by CM Nitish Kumar, called on PM Narendra Modi in August 2021 to push for it. After the Centre expressed its inability to conduct the caste census, the Bihar government carried it out using its own resources.

Later, Nitish switched sides and joined hands with the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan in August 2022. The survey findings were released in October 2023, and subsequently, the reservation was hiked from 50% to 65%, in addition to a 10% quota for WES and above.

Bihar, already surcharged given the forthcoming assembly election, is poised to witness OBC politics as polls draw closer. With the Centre's announcement to conduct a caste census alongside the general census, experts feel that it would be interesting to see its impact on the upcoming Bihar assembly elections.

Prof D M Diwakar, former director of AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, said that RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav first raised the issue of caste census, but it became a political issue at the national level.

Switching sides

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Yunus aide threatens to take over 7 NE states if India takes action against Pak

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

A former Bangladesh army officer and close associate of Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has suggested that Dhaka should consider aligning with China to take control of India's northeastern states in the event that India launches a retaliatory strike against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack.Yunus' interim government on Friday distanced itself from the remarks made by Major General (Retd) ALM Fazlur Rahman on his social media account.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday, Rahman wrote, "If India attacks Pakistan, Bangladesh should occupy the seven states of Northeastern India. I think it is necessary to start discussions with China on a joint military arrangement."

Rahman was appointed as the chairman of the National Independent Commission by the Yunus-led interim government in December 2024. The commission was tasked with investigating the 2009 Bangladesh Rifles revolt and the resulting killings.

Distancing itself from the former army officer's remarks, Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a media release on Friday said: "The comments do not reflect the position or policies of the government of Bangladesh, and as such, the government neither endorses nor supports such rhetoric in any form or manner."

The government urged all concerned to refrain from associating the state with the personal views expressed by Rahman, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported.

Bangladesh remains firmly committed to the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, mutual respect, and the peaceful coexistence of all nations, the ministry said.

In March, Yunus, during an official visit to China, sparked controversy with remarks concerning India's northeastern region. Speaking at a business event, Yunus noted that India's seven northeastern states—bordering Bangladesh over a stretch of nearly 1,600 kilometers—are landlocked and lack direct access to the ocean except through Bangladeshi territory. He described Dhaka as the "only guardian" of the Indian Ocean in the region and invited China to use Bangladesh as a trade corridor to send goods across the globe.

Yunus' comments were met with strong disapproval in New Delhi and triggered widespread condemnation from Indian political leaders across party lines. The remarks were viewed as provocative, especially in the context of regional security and trade dynamics.

In a significant diplomatic response, India, in April, revoked the transshipment facility it had previously granted to Bangladesh for exporting goods to the Middle East, Europe, and other global markets—except for Nepal and Bhutan. The move was widely interpreted as a signal of New Delhi's displeasure with Dhaka's recent posture and rhetoric.

MEA says deeply concerned over death of second Nepali student in KIIT in 3 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

RESPONDING to a call from Nepal's Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba for an investigation into the death of a Nepali student at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University in Odisha, India said that a "thorough enquiry is currently being conducted by the Odisha Police." This is the second such case involving a Nepali national at the institution in three months.

The External Affairs Ministry also emphasised India's commitment to the safety, security, and well-being of all international students pursuing their education in the country.

"India is committed to ensuring the safety, security and well-being of all international students," the ministry said.

It added that Indian authorities are in close coordination with their Nepali counterparts, the Odisha state government, and KIIT University management to ensure "real-time communication and coordination in this matter."

The incident has drawn significant attention from both Indian and Nepali authorities. On February 16, another Nepali student, pursuing a BTech degree at the same university, was found dead in her hostel room. That death had sparked protests among Nepali students and led to formal discussions between the governments of Nepal and India.

In a statement on social media, Nepal Foreign Minister Deuba said she was "deeply saddened" by the student's death and that Nepal's Foreign Ministry had "initiated diplomatic initiatives to investigate the truth of the incident with high-ranking officials of the government of India, the government of Odisha, and Nepal's embassy in Delhi."

Nepal's ambassador to India, Shankar Sharma, echoed this sentiment, saying the embassy is working closely with all concerned parties for a "thorough investigation."

Ministry of External Affairs said that it been in constant touch with the state government that has extended full support to the family of the deceased, and a thorough enquiry is currently being conducted by the Odisha Police.

'Diplomatic initiatives to probe the incident'

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UGC sets up panel to probe twin suicides

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE University Grants Commission (UGC) on Friday set up a four-member fact finding committee to examine the two suicides which took place within four months at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneshwar.

The panel will take steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents. It has been given a ten days to submit its report.

An order issued by the UGC said, "In view of the consecutive suicide incidents at KIIT, Bhubaneshwar on February 16, 2025, and May 1, 2025, the UGC as the regulatory body, has decided to constitute a fact-finding committee to examine the circumstances surrounding the incidents and ensure compliance with student welfare and safety regulations and further suggest measures to prevent such incidents."

'TECH, TRADITION MUST GO TOGETHER'

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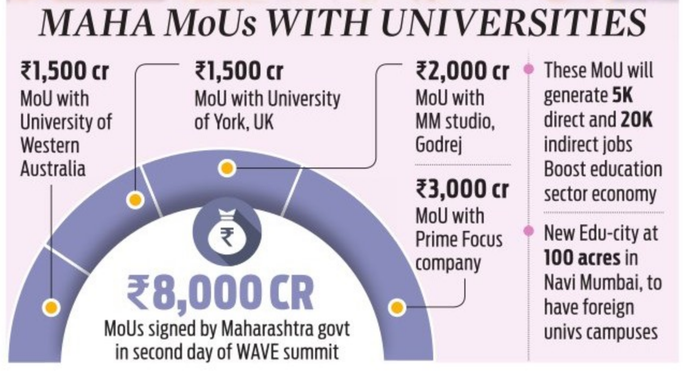
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MoUs signed by Maharashtra govt in second day of WAVE summit

TERMING WAVES 2025 as a microcosm of the global community, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar S Jaishankar on Friday said the world order, which has a strong cultural dimension, is under transformation. He said technology and tradition must go hand in hand, as "technology can strengthen awareness of our vast heritage and deepen consciousness about it, especially for the younger generations."

Addressing the Global Media Dialogue along with Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai, Jaishankar also made a strong pitch for smoother mobility for talent to contribute to stronger creativity.

He highlighted the enormous possibilities that the era of AI holds and asserted that technology and tradition must go hand in hand. "In the emerging era of AI, the possibilities are beyond imagination, yet there is a need for a responsible use of emerging technologies, while reducing bias, democratising content and prioritising its ethics," he said.

"The Wave Summit has brought together content creators, policy makers, actors, writers, producers and visual artists on a common platform for discussing a future roadmap for the Media and Entertainment sector," Jaishankar said, adding that it is crucial that young talent is made ready for an age of creative collaborations through relevant skill development.

Welcoming the delegates of 77 countries in Mumbai, I&B minister Vaishnaw said the culture inspires creativity which connects people across borders. "Content creation and consumption is changing fast as technology is reshaping the way we tell our stories. We are at an inflection point where we need to incentivize local content creation," he said.

"We need to focus on co-production treaties, joint funds and a declaration which helps us bridge the digital divide, foster global peace and harmony. We need to thus widen the global bridge of creativity to an expressway of ideas," Vaishnaw said.

Meanwhile, the member nations adopted the WAVES Declaration and agreed to collaborate on giving voice to traditions and heritage, while promoting creativity in the era of AI. The 13-point WAVES Declaration stated that the participants aim to prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation, promote media integrity, fact-based journalism and responsible advertising towards enlightened public discourse.

INDIAN INFLUENCERS SHAPE $350 BN SPENDING ANNUALLY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

INDIA'S digital landscape is undergoing a significant transformation driven by the rise of its creator economy. According to a new report by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), a global management consulting firm, the country's creators currently influence over 350 billion US dollar in consumer spending annually; a figure expected to surpass 1 trillion US dollar by 2030.

The report titled "From Content to Commerce: Mapping India's Creator Economy" will be launched on Saturday at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit in Mumbai.

As per the report, India is home to 2 to 2.5 million active digital creators, with over 1,000 followers. Despite the scale, only 8–10 percent of them currently monetize their content effectively, underscoring the untapped potential of the fast-growing sector. The creator ecosystem's direct revenues, estimated at 20–25 US dollar billion at present, are projected to reach 100–125 billion US dollars by the end of the decade.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MI&B) said, "Discussions on the emerging contours of artificial intelligence (AI), social media, animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics (AVGC) sector and films reflect India's expanding footprint in the digital media sphere."

PM Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the four-day summit with an array of artists, creators, policymakers and world leaders from media and entertainment industry in attendance.

The ministry highlighted the key insights from the report. It said that the creators influence more than 30 percent of consumer decisions, shaping 350–400 billion US dollars in spending today.

"The ecosystem is expanding beyond Gen Z and metropolitan centres. Short-form video remains the dominant content format, with comedy, films, daily soaps, and fashion being the most consumed genres. Brand strategies are evolving, with increased emphasis on faster content production, creative freedom, diversified consumer targeting, and outcome-based testing," it read.

Referring to the BCG findings, the ministry further said that brands are expected to scale up their investments in creator marketing by 1.5 to 3 times in the coming years, signaling a pivotal shift in marketing and commerce driven by the digital creator ecosystem.

ON FIRE

A fire broke out at a hologram-making unit adjacent to the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Salt Lake's Sector V on Friday afternoon. Ten fire tenders were pressed into service to douse the blaze.

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Chennai	34	30	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	31	25	Imphal	26	18
Srinagar	18	12	Chandigarh	31	20

● US veep says India's response to Baisaran terror attack should not lead to a broader regional conflict ● Court wants verification of docus

Pak must help India track terrorists: Vance

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

TERRORISTS responsible for the recent deadly assault in Jammu and Kashmir must be "hunted down and dealt with," US Vice President JD Vance said on Thursday, urging Pakistan to cooperate with India in tracking down those behind the Pahalgam terror attack.

The incident, which claimed 26 lives including a Nepali national and a local, took place in Baisaran meadow, a popular tourist destination.

"Our hope here is that India responds to this terrorist attack in a way that doesn't lead to a broader regional conflict," Vance said during a podcast interview with Fox News. "And we hope, frankly, that Pakistan, to the extent that they're responsible, cooperates with India to make sure that the terrorists sometimes operating in their territory are hunted down and dealt with."

The attack triggered panic as multiple gunmen opened fire on tourists in the open meadow, leaving people scrambling for cover in an area with little protection. Eyewitnesses described scenes of chaos and fear as shots echoed through the lush hills.

Asked whether he was concerned about rising tensions between India and Pakistan, Vance said, "Sure, I am worried about any time you see a hotspot breaking out, especially between two nuclear powers. We have obviously been in close contact with our friends in India and Pakistan."

The attack happened on the second day of JD Vance's India visit. Vice President Vance had earlier called Prime Minister Narendra Modi to personally

condemn the attack and offer condolences. "He also expressed that the US stands with the people of India and is ready to provide all assistance in the joint fight against terrorism," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

Senior US leaders, including President Donald Trump, have also denounced the attack, labeling it "terror" and "unconscionable." While Washington has avoided directly blaming Pakistan, the U.S. has emphasised the need for accountability and regional stability.

Chinese envoy meets Pakistan PM

Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad and exchanged views on the India-Pakistan tensions. Official media quoted a press release by the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan stating that Jiang met Sharif on Thursday and reiterated China's earlier call for both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint.

'No coercive action': SC stays deportation of 6 of family overstaying in India

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday directed asked the Centre not to deport to Pakistan six members of a family, who allegedly overstayed their visa, till their citizenship claim is verified.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar was hearing a plea filed by Ahmad Tariq Butt challenging the Centre's order to deport him and his five family members from India to Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack.

TERROR in KASHMIR

"The issue involves a human angle," the bench said. Without fixing any specific timeline, the bench asked the authorities to verify the identity documents, such as passports, Aadhaar card, and pan card, of the family and other relevant facts, which are brought to their notice. "A decision (by the centre) be taken at the earliest, though no time limit is fixed. Till such a decision is taken, no coercive action be taken against the petitioners," the top court said. "In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, authorities may not take coercive action till an appropriate decision is taken. If petitioners are dissatisfied by the final decision, they can approach J&K&L HC. Order not to be treated as precedent," the bench said.

Butt in his petition said that the family members are residents of Kashmir and their son works in Bengaluru. "He (Butt) and his family, including his parents, sister, and younger brother, are Indian citizens and hold valid Indian passports issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs," said Butt in his petition.

Butt and his other five family members claimed they were detained and taken to the Wagah border for deportation to Pakistan despite having valid Indian documents.

Before the top court passed the order, the Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that the petitioners should approach the authorities concerned first so that their claims can be verified.

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J'khand to soon set up a sports university

Jharkhand is all set to make a significant leap in sports development with the announcement of its first 'State Sports University.' The initiative will be driven jointly by the Jharkhand State Sports Promotion Society (JSSPS) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), aimed at nurturing young talent and promoting a structured sporting ecosystem. At the Governing Council of JSSPS meeting on Friday, Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari officially directed officials to commence groundwork for establishing the university. On the basis of her recent visit to Barcelona, Tiwari underscored the need for early talent identification.

Electricity rate surges by 6.34% in the state

The Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC) raised the power tariff in the state by 6.34%, effective May 1. Under the new rates, domestic consumers in rural areas will pay ₹6.70 per unit, up from ₹6.30, while urban consumers will pay ₹6.85 per unit, up from ₹6.65. While the rural tariff increased by 40 paise, the urban tariff went up by 20 paise. The domestic tariff does not include the consumers availing 200 units of free electricity per month. Of the nearly 46 L domestic consumers, around 40L consumers are availing 200 units of free electricity per household per month in the state.

Health insurance for 27K practising lawyers

The state will launch a health insurance scheme for advocates and their dependents on Saturday. It will benefit about 27,000 advocates and their family members.CM Hemant Soren will formally launch this scheme by handing over Advocate Health Insurance Cards to them. The decision follows a Jharkhand HC order that lawyers help in getting justice to society, but they do not get proper facilities from the state or central government for themselves. The court had said that the state and central governments should start schemes like health insurance and life insurance for advocates, as many lawyers are facing financial difficulties and are unable to even get treatment.

'Hope tensions will be resolved without going to war'

Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday said he hopes that India and Pakistan would resolve all issues without going to war. He further said that the deportation of Pakistani nationals living in Jammu and Kasmir is "leading to the division of families".

FIR after Pak national claims to have voted in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A probe has been ordered after a Pakistani national, who was deported to his country after the Pahalgam terror attack, claimed that he got an Aadhaar and a voter ID card during his stay in Uri of Baramulla district for 18 years and that he voted in Jammu and Kashmir elections.

A video of Pakistani national Osama Imtiyaz during his deportation went viral. Baramulla Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa, also the district election officer (DEO), said the Uri electoral officer has taken note of the viral video and registered an FIR over voter enrolment by a non-citizen in violation of the Representation of People Act, 1950 and Citizenship Act, 1955. "Further probe is underway under BNS & RP Act provisions," Sherpa said.

"I am pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and my exams were scheduled to be held in June. I had plans that after completion of the exam, I will prepare for job interviews," Imtiyaz said in the viral video before his deportation from J&K on April 27. "We came here (J&K) in 2008 and had been living here for 17 years. We got every document here. We have voted here. We have got Aadhar card, election card, ration card and domicile certificate," he said in the video.

DEO Sherpa said the probe would find out how Imtiyaz had enrolled himself in the electoral roll of the Uri assembly seat without being an Indian citizen.

An official said they are also ascertaining whether other Pakistani nationals staying in J&K had also obtained Aadhaar, election or ration cards.

Fearing reprisal from India, Pak ramps up forces, conducts exercises near LoC

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Pakistan military is carrying out a major mobilisation of troops and assets as part of the exercises, which include three exercises simultaneously by the Pakistan Air Force (PAF).

Sources said that the exercises being conducted by the PAF are: Fiza-e-Badar, Lalkar-e-Momin and Zarb-e-Haidari.

"Apart from the three PAF exercises, the Pakistan Army's Multan, Punjab-based II-Corps has been carrying out war games for about a week," the source said.

"They have been exercising with their frontline fighters including the F-16s, J-10 and JF-17 and have activated their Air Defence canopy, he added.

On Wednesday, citing "credible intelligence", Pakistan's Information Minister Attaullah Tarar claimed that India might carry out a military strike within the next 24 to 36 hours.

Tarar's claim came a day after the PM granted the Armed Forces "operational freedom" following a meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, NSA Ajit Doval, CDS General Anil Chauhan and the three armed services chiefs regarding the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack.

They had met with senior military leaders, granting the armed forces "complete operational freedom" in deciding the "mode, targets and timing" of India's response to the attack. These exercises by the Pakistan Military have no meaning except the messaging they are trying to convey, says Defence Analyst Lt Gen VK Chaturvedi, retd.

SHOW OF RESILIENCE IN PUNJAB VILLAGES

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

UNFAZED by the rising hostility between India and Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 lives were lost, life in the border villages along the Indo-Pak International border in Punjab continues as usual.

Farmers continue to diligently work in their fields and locals are carrying out their daily chores. Villagers at village chowks can be seen lounging under the trees, sipping tea playing cards engaging in endless debates about the political scenario.

Talking to this newspaper, Surjit Singh Bhoora, the vice president of Punjab Border Area Kisan Union, shared, "The farmers continue to work in their fields just as usual, as there is no tension in the border villages. Our relatives call up to ask if everything is fine amid tensions. We assure them that we are living our lives normally — just as usual."

The 553-km India-Pakistan border spanning six districts (Ferozepur, Fazilka, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, and Amritsar) of the state the villagers are calm and committed to their daily routines.

Subash Sharma of Bareka village in Fazilka who's village is about one KM way from the zero line, says, "Despite mental pressure, life goes on. The children are attending school and we are working in our fields."

Ram Darbar to take final shape on May 23: Mishra

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Ram Darbar will be adorned with the idols of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita, Lakshman, Bharat, Shatrughan and Lord Hanuman on May 23.

While speaking to the press on Friday, Nripendra Mishra, the chairman of the temple construction committee of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, shared that idols for the Ram Darbar and the Sheshavatar temple had not arrived in Ayodhya yet. He said, "While the Ram Darbar will come to its full glory on the first floor of the main temple on May 23, the idol of Lakshman will be installed in the Sheshavatar temple before May 30."

"The consecration rituals of the Ram Darbar and Sheshavatar temple will commence on June 3 and conclude on June 5," he added.

Asked when the Ram Darbar will open for public darshan, Mishra said the trust would take a decision in this regard.

He added that passes would be issued for devotees to visit the Ram Darbar, noting that 750 people would be allowed darshan each day. "Around 50 passes will be issued by the temple trust every hour, and the darshan will be held on a first-come, first-served basis," he said.

Kedarnath Dham portals now open amid grandeur

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE sacred portals of the world-renowned Kedarnath Dham, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas located in Rudraprayag, were formally opened on Friday morning with elaborate rituals.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami offered prayers at the shrine, seeking happiness, prosperity and peace for the hill state. Extending greetings to all countrymen on the occasion, Dhami remarked, "The state, as well as the entire nation, eagerly awaited this moment."

He added, "The Kedarnath Dham is a major centre of religious faith for all followers of Sanatan Dharma. It symbolises India's heritage. For our state, this is a time of celebration." Noting the consistent rise in the number of devotees at Baba Kedar's shrine over the years, Dhami exuded confidence that this year's Char Dham Yatra would set a new record.

Notably, the very first prayer performed at the Kedarnath Dham was offered on behalf of PM Narendra Modi. The portals of Baba Kedar swung open at 7 am, accompanied by the resonant chanting of mantras, fervent slogans of 'Har Har Mahadev' and devotional melodies played by a band of the Army's Grenadier regiment.

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>
> Pushkar Singh Dhami, CM

CM seeks prosperity for state

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23-yr-old Surat tutor, who eloped with 13-yr-old student, 5 months pregnant

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE 23-year-old private tutor, who had eloped with her 13-year-old student in Gujarat's Surat, was found to be five months pregnant during a medical examination, raising urgent concerns over child safety in informal education settings.

In a shocking revelation, she alleged the minor is the father, prompting authorities to order an immediate DNA test. Police interrogation further revealed that the two had been involved in a physical relationship for several months, laying bare a chilling breach of trust and protection.

"A medical examination has revealed that the woman is five months pregnant. Since she claimed that the minor is the father of the child, we have ordered DNA testing. During questioning, both the individuals admitted to being engaged in a physical relationship over several months," Surat DCP Bhagirath Gadhvi told this newspaper.

The alleged sexual abuse began at the tutor's residence and later at a Vadodara hotel while the duo was on the run, police revealed. Before fleeing Surat, the teenager reportedly handed over few of his clothes to the woman, who later bought additional items for their escape.

A formal case has been slapped against the woman under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for kidnapping a minor, alongside serious charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for sexual exploitation.

Senior officials called the incident a grave breach of trust and power, warning of urgent gaps in protections across both formal and informal education spaces. Legal experts, meanwhile, flagged the glaring ignorance around grooming tactics used by adults in positions of influence. The case remains under intense investigation, with further legal action pending the results of a court-ordered DNA test.

Notably, the female teacher had allegedly abducted the student, who had been receiving one-on-one tuitions from her, and led police on a four-day manhunt before their dramatic capture 390 kilometres away.

The ordeal began on the afternoon of April 25, when the teacher disappeared with the boy in broad daylight, triggering panic and a swift search operation.

7 dead
after pickup and tour van collide near Yellowstone National Park

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	LC	Los Angeles	17	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	LC
Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	5	0	LC
Dubai	42	31	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	30	22	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	12	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	17	8	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

Trump's budget to slash $163 bn in domestic spending, boost defence

Expected to cut funding across depts, including health, education, FBI, diversity initiatives

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's 2026 budget plan would slash non-defence domestic spending by $163 billion while increasing expenditures on national security, according to White House statements Friday.

The plan shows a desire to crack down on diversity programs and initiatives to address climate change. But it doesn't include details about what Trump wants on income taxes, tariffs, entitlement programs or the budget deficit — a sign of the challenge confronting the president when he's promising to cut taxes and repay the federal debt without doing major damage to economic growth.

Budgets do not become law but serve as a touchstone for the upcoming fiscal year debates. Often considered a statement of values, this first budget since Trump's return to the White House carries the added weight of defining the Republican president's second-term pursuits, alongside his party in Congress.House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., said the plan showed fiscal discipline given the problems of persistently high budget deficits. The budget released on Friday did not, in fact, include a forecast on government borrowing.

House Speaker Mike Johnson speaks as President Donald Trump, right, listens during a National Day of Prayer event in the Rose Garden of the White House | AP

"President Trump's plan ensures every federal taxpayer dollar spent is used to serve the American people, not a bloated bureaucracy or partisan pet projects," Johnson said.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said the cuts could ultimately be more extreme than what the administration has proposed, noting that the budget doesn't provide funding levels for programs such as Head Start.

"President Trump has made his priorities clear as day: he wants to outright defund programs that help working Americans while he shovels massive tax breaks at billionaires like himself and raises taxes on middle-class Americans with his reckless tariffs," Murray said. The budget seeks to cut discretionary spending by a total of 7.6% next year, but includes a 13% increase in national security spending.

The State Department and international programs would lose 84% of their money and receive $9.6 billion, a cut that reflects the existing efforts by adviser Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency.

The Housing and Urban Development Department would get a $33.6 billion cut, while the Health and Human Services Department would receive $33.3 billion less and the Education Department's spending would be reduced by $12 billion.

The Defense Department would get an additional $113.3 billion and Homeland Security would receive $42.3 billion more. The IRS and FBI would lose money, while the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program would be ended.

There would be $980 million less for college students in work-study programs, as well as similarly sized cuts for adult education and instruction for learning English.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would lose nearly $3.6 billion under the plan, while the National Institutes of Health would face a steep cut of almost $18 billion. The budget would eliminate more than $15 billion for infrastructure-related programs tied to climate change and $1.3 billion from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The White House budget plan arrives as Trump has unilaterally imposed what could hundreds of billions of dollars in tax increases in the form of tariffs, setting off a trade war that has consumers, CEOs and foreign leaders worried about a possible economic downturn. *AP*

Trump asks SC to end protection for 3.5 lakh Venezuelan migrants

WASHINGTON

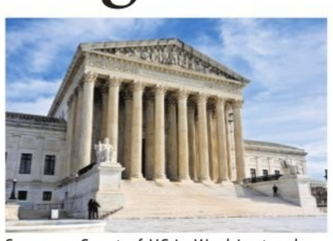
THE Trump administration on Thursday asked the Supreme Court to strip temporary legal protections from 350,000 Venezuelans, potentially exposing them to being deported.

The Justice Department asked the high court to put on hold a ruling from a federal judge in San Francisco that kept in place Temporary Protected Status for the Venezuelans that would have otherwise expired last month.

The status allows people already in the United States to live and work legally because their native countries are deemed unsafe for return due to natural disaster or civil strife.

A federal appeals court had earlier rejected the administration's request. President Donald Trump's administration has moved aggressively to withdraw various protections that have allowed immigrants to remain in the country, including ending TPS for a total of 600,000 Venezuelans and 500,000 Haitians. TPS is granted in 18-month increments.

The emergency appeal to the high court came the same day a federal judge in Texas ruled illegal the administration's efforts to deport Venezuelans under an 18th-century wartime law. The cases are not related.



Supreme Court of US in Washington | AP

The protections had been set to expire April 7, but U.S. District Judge Edward Chen ordered a pause on those plans. He found that the expiration threatened to severely disrupt the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and could cost billions in lost economic activity. Chen, who was appointed to the bench by Democratic President Barack Obama, found the government hadn't shown any harm caused by keeping the program alive.

But Solicitor General D John Sauer wrote on behalf of the administration that Chen's order impermissibly interferes with the administration's power over immigration and foreign affairs. *AP*

REGIONAL TENSION

Germany concerned over sectarian clash in Syria

BERLIN

GERMANY expressed "deep concern" on Friday at reports of sectarian clashes between Druze fighters and other forces in Syria and called on the country's new rulers to "ensure civilians are protected".

Hours after Israel said it had carried out an air strike on the capital Damascus, Germany's foreign ministry also said in a statement that "Syria must not become the venue for regional tensions to be played out.

"We therefore call on all actors — both domestic and foreign — to exercise maximum restraint," it added.

The statement urged Syria's government, which ousted President Bashar al-Assad late last year, to ensure an "end to violence". It called on it to "pursue dialogue with all sectors of the population... to guarantee their full participation in the political process". Syria's new Islamist authorities, who have roots in the Al-Qaeda jihadist network, have vowed inclusive rule in the multi-confessional, multi-ethnic country. But they have to contend with pressures from radical Islamists within their ranks. Berlin stood ready to assist in this process, it added. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Mr. ALOK SINHA transacting with Smt. USHA KARTIKEYAN** W/o. K.S. Karthikeyan & **Sri. ROHIT KARTIKEYAN** S/o. Mr. K.S. Kartikeyan Represented by his SPA Holder/Mother **Smt. USHA KARTIKEYAN** Residing at Flat no.6, Vaibhav Plot No.106, Chheda Nagar, Chembur, Tilak Nagar, Mumbai-400089 in respect of the Property bearing No.124, E Katha No.244/313/124, **PID No.150200200600300252,** totally measuring **5400 Square Feet, E khata issued by Rajanukunte Grama Panchayathi,** situated at Addeviswanathapura Village, **Hesaraghatta** Hobli, **Bengaluru North Taluk,** Bengaluru District . more fully described in the Schedule Property as hereunder if Any Person/s or Financial institution/s, Bank/s, etc have any claims, or right over the Schedule Property they should file his/her/their/objection/s in writing along with supporting documents in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned within Seven days from the date of this notice. If No objections are received from any one stipulated time it will be presumed that nobody has any objection and my client will proceed to conclude the sale deed/transaction in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Property bearing **No.124**, E Katha No. 244/313/124, PID No. 150200200600300252, totally measuring **5400 Square Feet, E khata issued by Rajanukunte Grama Panchayathi,** Situated at **Addeviswanathapura** Village, **Hesaraghatta** Hobli, **Bengaluru North Taluk,** Bengaluru District and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.123
West by : Site No.125
North by : Site No.134
South by : Road

Jayate Advocate and Associates
Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No.: 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

LOST

I, LITHUN VINAYAN S/o Vinay aged about 27 year residing at No 21, Chinnaswamy Layout, M S Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru North - 560097. I hereby further declare that I have lost my Original **Master Degree Certificate Reg No. MB197064.** in the year September 2021 with B+(First Class) date of Convocation 11.04.2022 College Code 3424.

If anyone found my document kindly return to the above mentioned address. OR Contact **Mob : 9008364266**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE III ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (JUNIOR DIVISION) BANGALORE RURAL AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 1053 OF 2019

BETWEEN : SMT. SUSHEELAMMA ...PLAINTIFF
AND : SMT. T.A. DRAUPADI ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

SMT. T.A. DRAUPADI, W/o Muralidhara, Aged about 59 years, Residing at: No. 156, 4th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Veerabhadraswamy Temple Layout, Dobighat, Srinagara, Bengaluru. ...DEFENDANT

UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20(1) [A] READ WITH SECTION 151 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has instituted the caption suit against you and for relief of temporary injunction and such other relief/s of the suit schedule property, you being the Defendant is hereby summoned to appear in person or through pleader before the in The Court of The Hon'ble III Addl. Civil Judge (Junior Division), Bangalore Rural at Bengaluru. **on this 1st day of July 2025 at 11 A.M.,** to answer the above suit claim, failing which the suit will be disposed off Ex-Parte.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 27A formed in portion of Assessment No. 149 situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No.72, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet consisting of small house, and bounded on: East by : Site No.27B, West by : Site No.27, North by : Road, South by : Site No.28A.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 28th day of April 2025.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Prl. Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore (R) Dist., Bangalore.

B. MANJUNATHA
M/s MAHIR LAW FIRM
Advocates & Legal Consultants
SF-25A, 2nd Floor, HHS / HMS Complex
Cubbonpet Main Road, BANGALORE-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Moula and others** have filed the petition for death certificate of their grandfather namely late. **Fakruddin Sab, S/o late Isasab, who died on 24/12/2000** at RazakSab playa, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North District. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli **on date of hearing 05/06/2025 at 11-00 AM in Crl. Mis. No.104/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Smt. K. Savitha, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **MS. SHAHIRA** D/o HAMSA, Aged About 40 Years, Residing at No. 115 (9/82) Kanhirappuzha Grama Panchayath, Kammanalankunnan, Kerla. is the present owner of the property and she was having Original Absolute Sale Deed Dated 08-02-2013, vide Doc. No. BKI 6012-2012-13 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Sarjapura, Bangalore in respect of Sy. No.37/1B and Sy. No. 37/1C Situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and the aforesaid Original Document has been lost/misplaced while travelling by bus on date 22-04-2025 at Koramangala. Thereafter She could not trace and retrieve the same. Further she lodged a police complaint in this regarding on 02.05.2025 with E-lost report No. 1589645/2025, if anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the office address given below.

K. Sundaram, Advocate
No.24/2, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-25. Mob: 9341247776

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **SRI MALLESH.S**, S/o. Late **Siddaramaiah.S @ Sidda Ramu.S**, aged 44 years, residing at No.116, 7th Main, Pipe Line West, Kasthuriba Nagar, Govt. Electric Factory, Bengaluru-560026, herein bring to general notice that the name of his father is Mr. Siddaramaiah.S @ Sidda Ramu.S, his name is reflected in Voter ID and Ration Card as Mr. Siddaramaiah.S and in Aadhar Card and PAN Card his name is reflected as Mr.Sidda Ramu.S. Since he was known with both names there are documents reflecting aforesaid names and in the title documents also name is mentioned as Mr. Siddaramaiah.S, which both are true and pertaining to his deceased father. It is brought to public notice that for all official and personal records his name Mr. Siddaramaiah.S is to be considered which is true and correct. Our client further state **Mr.Siddaramaiah.S** is the proper and correct name of his deceased father also the same is for consideration for the purpose of all legal aspects including for consideration his status as a legal representative.

Any person/s claiming grievance of opposing the above subject is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 10 days from the date of this publication by making communication with us.

SRI KRISHNA LAW CHAMBERS
Advocates and Legal Consultants
Central Chambers, No.F-113, 3rd Floor, Gandhinagar, 2nd Main, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: +91 9591999985, +91 9845186809

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intent to purchase/ enter into Agreement of sale/ Sale Deed, in respect of the schedule property with the present owner **G. VENKATESH**, Aged about 52 years, S/o Late Guruvaiah. Residing at No. Kenchugarahalli, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Dist., 562109. Any person/s, financial institution, banks, having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect to the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within **7 days** from the date of this publications. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right title & interest by anybody & my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction & thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property Vacant Site Khanesumari No. 131/44, **Site No. 44,** PID No. 152900402001800850, situated at **Pinakini Layout, Manchenayakanahalli, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk,** formed in converted Sy. No. 45, converted vide conversion order no. ALN SR 12/1994-95, dated 21.07.1994, issued by Asst. Commissioner, measuring East to West: **18.288 Meters (60 Feet),** North to South: **12.192 Meters (40 Feet),** in total **222.97 Sq. Meters (2400 sq. feet)** and bounded on:

East By : 40 Feet Road
West By : Land Belongs to Ramachandrappa's
North By : Site No. 131/45 Belongs to R. Chandregowda
South By : Site No. 131/43 Belongs to C. Sadananda C. Krishnamurthy

H.A.AMARNATH Advocate
#272, 2nd Block, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru 560032
Mob: 7899865859 / 8553570737
Bengaluru Date : 03-05-2025

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. TRS-SRC-OT-MISCL-25-476, dated 29.04.2025.

e-Tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS/Santragachi, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work : **Description of work :** Miscellaneous maintenance and cleaning work at Electric Loco Shed, Santragachi for Two years. **Tender value:** ₹ 2,94,41,652.07 including GST. **EMD :** ₹ 2,97,200/-. **Cost of tender document :** NIL. **Completion Period :** 24 months. **Date and Time of Submission:** Upto 15.00 hrs. of 23.05.2025. **Date and Time of Opening:** 23.05.2025 at 15.30 hrs. Interested Tenderers must visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for all details, description, specification, corrigendum of the tender and submission of their bids. **(PR-105)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my clients **Mr.SURESH CHOUDRY** and his brother **Mr.BABULAL CHOUDRY** both sons of S/o.Himataram Choudry intend to purchase Property No.194, later numbered as No.220, then numbered as No.224, Present Municipal No.19, In E-Khatha Property No 224/19 of Huriyopete, Bengaluru-500053, Chickpet, measuring East to West: 07 feet and North to South: 57 feet in all measuring 399 square feet, e-khatha No.6946613266 together with the existing building with all amenities and bounded on the: EAST BY : Sarige Narayanraju property, WEST BY : Item No.2 of the Schedule Property, NORTH BY : Road, SOUTH BY : M.Nanjundappa's property, and property old No.193, later numbered as No.219/193, then numbered as No.223, present Municipal No.20, In E Khatha Property No. 223/20, Huriyopete, Bengaluru-500053, Chickpet, measuring East to West: 10 feet and North to South: 57 feet in all measuring 570 square feet, e-khatha No.6847954652 together with the existing building with all amenities and bounded on the:- EAST BY: Ramachandra's property, WEST BY: Lane, NORTH BY: Road, SOUTH BY: M.Nanjundappa's property from **Mrs.RADHA BAI,** W/o.Late.M.N.Shankar & 2 others. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within (7) Seven days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU
PRASHANT N RAJ, Advocates,
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor, 50 Feet Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019.
Bengaluru, Date: 02/05/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. Sumit Kumar Waghmare a SEBI Registered Investment Adviser holding SEBI Registration Number: INA200013099 and BSE IA Enlistment No.: 1236, intends to voluntarily surrender the said SEBI Investment Adviser Registration Certificate.

Any person having any claims, complaints, or grievances against the undersigned in respect of investment advisory services rendered may lodge their grievance on the SCORES Portal of the Securities and Exchange Board of India at www.scores.gov.in within 14 days from the date of this notice.

After the expiry of the above period, no claims shall be entertained and the process of surrender of registration shall be completed as per SEBI norms.

Date: April 08, 2025
Place: Bangalore, Karnataka.
Sd/-
Sumit Kumar Waghmare
SEBI Registered Investment Adviser
Reg. No.: INA200013099

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Sri. Balu S/o Sri. A. Selvam, Residing at No. 429,1st Main Road,2nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar Bangalore-560032,** has lost Original Absolute Sale Deed dt. 20-02-1998, executed by **Smt. Muddamma and Others rep by GPA holder Sri. Abdul Azeez in favour of Sri. Abdul Naseer,** Doc. No.13311/1997-98 of book-I, pages 119 to 123, Vol.6104on 16-06-1998, in the office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, in respect of House List Nos. 32 and 33, PID No. 06-106-429, situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,in this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 28-04-2025 through Online vide LOST REPORT No.1584510/2025, that my client has not created any charge over the property covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this public notice.

Mahesh Kumar M.H. Advocate
No.56/A, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, 24th Main, J. P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78
Mobile No.: 9686751274.
Place: Bengaluru Date: 03.05.2025

KALYAN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION VIJAYAPUR DIVISION

NO:KKRTC:VJP:TR:COMM:284:2025-26 Dated:28.04.2025

E-Tender Publication [No: 713/25/E-01/25]

Vijayapur Division invited E-Tender(Through E-Procurement) for Commercial Shops, Refreshment Rooms, Open Space of Various Bus Stands comes under this Division. Detailed tender schedule is as below.

1) Last Date for submitting online application: **21.05.2025** at 17.30 PM.

2) E-Tender Opening **Date :23.05.2025** at 10.00 Am onward

For details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or Contact D.T.O :7760992252 or Commercial Case Worker (Traffic Section) @ Divisional Office during office hours.

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Sd/- Divisional Controller, K.K.R.T.C Vijayapur Division.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, Mr. Pradeep M.N. and Mr. Monish M.N., both sons of Late Nanjunda M.R. residents of Madikeri, Kodagu District have agreed to purchase an apartment bearing No. 302, 3rd Floor, Wing A, Tower 5 (Oak), Godrej Royale Woods, Bengaluru, along with a car parking area, situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk from Mr. Hari Kishore, S/o. Late G N Balaram and Mrs. Tabita M., W/o. Mr. Hari Kishore.

Any person/s, institution/s, or entity/ies having any claim, right, title, interest, mortgage, charge, lien, lease, tenancy, license, easement, attachment or any other encumbrance whatsoever against or in respect of the said apartment is hereby required to make their objections known in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objection is received within the stipulated time, it shall be presumed that there are no claims, rights, title, interest, or encumbrances on the said property, and the transaction shall be completed accordingly.

Ms. Sowmya Prasad, Advocate
41/A, 5th Main Road, MSH Layout, Anandnagar, Bengaluru – 560024.
Email: advocate.sowmyaprasad@gmail.com
Date: 03-05-2025

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Sd/- **M.N. Leelaraju,** Advocate,
Supreme Law Associates
#1098, 9th Main, 18th Cross Road, Sector - 7, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102.
Ph: +91 8025725959
Place: Bangalore Date : 02/05/2025

HUBLI-DHARWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

No.HDMC./74/05/2025-26 E-Procurement Cell Hubli, Date: 02.05.2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, invites the rate proposals for the below mentioned Goods the EOI related documents and Technical Specification are made available in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from of **03-05-2025** the last date of receipt of EOI is **09-05-2025.**

Indent No	Item Description
DMA/2024-25/ IND4752	1) 18.5 GVW Truck Chassis Mounted 8000 ltr capacity Jetting Cum Suction Machine, 2) Truck Chassis Mounted 2000 ltr Capacity Jetting Cum Rodding Cum De-silting Machine 3) LMV Chassis mounted Robotic De-Silting Machine With Inspection Camera

Sd/- Executive Engineer (E-Proc) HDMC, Hubli

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Office of the Executive Engineer(QA/QC-Mahadevapura), Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE(QA/QC)/MDP/TEND/02/25-26 Date: 02.05.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Two Cover System (Only Through KPP Portal)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance/Quality Control Division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those **who have done similar type of work** for **Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC)** for the below work through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC-Mahadevapura, BBMP, Bengaluru.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Sinking & redrilling of existing borewells & providing replacement of submersible motor pumpsets, GI Pipes submersible Cable & accessories, PVC Pipeline in Partial, Horamavu Village Extesion, Babusapalya, Chelekere Village in Chelekere Ward No.86, in Horamavu Village, Horamavu Agara Village, Geddalahalli Village, K.Narayanapura Village, Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, Village, Kotthanuru Village, Kyalasanahalli Village in Horamavu Ward No.87 & in Kalkere & K. Channasandra Villages, NRI Layout, Banjara Layout & Surrounding extension areas in Kalkere Ward No.88". **Project Cost: Rs. 250.00 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.2,700/-. Time period:** Till completion of the project.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Document may be downloaded through KPP Portal from: **03.05.2025 onwards.** (2) Pre-bid meeting: **07.05.2025 at 11:30 a.m.** at Office of the Executive Engineer(QA/QC), Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002. (3) Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **13.05.2025 upto 4:00 p.m.** (4) Opening of Technical bid: **14.05.2025 at 4:30 p.m.** (5) Validity of Tenders: 90 days from last date of receipts of Tender.

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e www.mstcecommerce.com

OIPR-30005/11/0188/2526 **Sd/- CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (S&M)**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No.2229 /Date.30.04.2025

O-105 **"e" Procurement Notice for Building Works**

1.	Name of the Work	:	**Composite Building Work**
2.	Total No. of works	:	01 No. of Building work for the year 2024-25
3.	Estimated Cost of the work	:	**Rs.332.22 Crore**
4.	**Class of Contractor (a) Estimated cost** more than Rs. 1.00 Crore up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.	:	**A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities**
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	**Tender- On-line- C.C. 11 of 2025**	06.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	20.05.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	21.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	**To be intimated later on**

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

OIPR-25194/11/0040/2526

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATED AT COIMBATORE

The under mentioned property will be sold by public auction **on 20.05.2025 at Income Tax Auditorium, Income Tax Office, 63, Race Course Road, Coimbatore 641018,** for the recovery of Income Tax arrears of **Rs. 67,81,72,740/-** (Rupees. Sixty Seven Crores Eighty One Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty only) plus interest and excluding costs due in the case of **Shri Kamalesh Gandhiyappa Raja, Door No.39, Ward No.10, Sundarapuram Road, Madukkarai Market, Madukkarai, Coimbatore - 641 105** in TRC No. TRO 1 COIMBATORE/AGFPR4545Q/2022-23/100000364678 DATED 07.10.2022.

Sl. No.	Description of the Property	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price
1.	**Property 1/41, Sennanur Thaneerpandal, Siruvani Main Road, Thenkarai, Coimbatore at SF No. 9/1, Doc. No. 4660/2016. (Measuring 2635 Sq.ft.)**	**20.05.2025 at 11:30 AM**	**Rs.22,71,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs and Seventy One Thousand only)**

Nature of the Property: **Land**

1. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price of **Rs. 22,71,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs and Seventy One Thousand only).**
2. The property shall be sold with all Encumbrances & also statutory dues payable to Municipal Authorities and dues of PF office as per law.
3. The intending bidders should deposit **Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand only)** as **EMD** by means of DD drawn in favour of **"The Principal Commissioner of Income Tax -1, Coimbatore"** on any scheduled Bank payable at Coimbatore before the beginning of actual auction proceedings.
4. The successful bidder shall pay immediately after such declaration, a deposit of **twenty-five percent** on the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting the sale and, in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold. The full amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
5. Details of the property and encumbrances can be perused at the office of the undersigned on any working day prior to auction, after fixing a prior appointment with the undersigned during office hours. **Mobile No: 9445960450/8075755354 or 0422-2225115, Email id:- Coimbatore.tro1@incometax.gov.in.**
6. The auction is subject to the conditions laid down in the Auction catalogue, which can be perused at the office of the undersigned during office hours with prior appointment.
7. The auction shall be conducted by Government Approved Auctioneers, **M/s Galley & Co., Sathya Complex, 1/1, General Patters Road, Chennai - 600 002.**

Sd/- (SANTOSH KUMAR)
TAX RECOVERY OFFICER-1, ROOM NO.208,
NO.67-A, RACE COURSE ROAD COIMBATORE-641018

Place : COIMBATORE
Date : 02.05.2025

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
259.75 ▲	Sensex	80,501.99	₹220 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹95,660	1 kg	₹98,000	▼ Dollar	83.85
12.50 ▲	Nifty	24,346.70	₹200 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹87,700	10 gm	₹980	▼ Euro	94.94

SC rejects JSW's ₹20k cr bid for BPSL

Court held JSW Steel's resolution plan 'illegal', ordered liquidation of the debt-ridden co

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a major setback to Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Steel, the Supreme Court on Friday quashed the company's ₹19,700 crore resolution plan for Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL), declaring it "illegal" and ordering the liquidation of the debt-ridden company.

A Bench comprising Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma held that JSW Steel's plan violated provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), primarily because the bid was funded via a mix of equity and optionally convertible debentures (OCDs) instead of equity alone. The court cited the failure to implement the resolution plan within the stipulated timeline as a critical flaw. The apex court ruled that the Committee of Creditors (CoC) had erred in approving JSW Steel's plan, which, the court found, was in violation of the IBC framework. The resolution of BPSL—one of the first 12 cases referred by the RBI under the IBC—was long drawn and fraught with delays, legal challenges and enforcement actions. The company was admitted for corporate insolvency resolution in 2017.

At the time, the company owed over ₹47,000 crore to financial creditors and more than ₹780 crore to operational creditors. Its financial woes were further exacerbated by a high-profile investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into alleged loan diversion of ₹4,025 crore by its former promoters. In October 2019, the ED provisionally attached BPSL's assets under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), citing them as proceeds of crime.

JSW Steel had emerged as the successful resolution applicant in 2019, offering over ₹19,000 crore to financial creditors. The plan was approved by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in September 2019 and subsequently upheld by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), despite ongoing legal challenges, including objections raised by the ED. Meanwhile, JSW Steel, in a statement said the company is yet to receive the formal copy of the order to understand the grounds for rejection in detail and its implications. So, once they receive the order and are able to review the same along with our legal advisors. Ruling comes at a time when JSW has already invested significantly, expanding BPSL's capacity from 2.75 million tonnes (mt) at acquisition to 4.5 mt, with plans to raise it to 5 mt by September 2027.

MAJOR SETBACK

The apex court said the Committee of Creditors should not have accepted the JSW's resolution plan and that the NCLT should not have approved it

SC says JSW Steel's plan violated provisions of IBC as the bid was funded through mix of equity and optionally convertible debentures instead of equity alone

The court also cited the failure to implement the resolution plan within the stipulated timeline as a critical flaw

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Most iPhones for US mkt for June qtr to be made in India

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE INC CEO Tim Cook on Friday announced the majority of iPhones for the United States markets during the June 2025 quarter (April-June 2025) will be manufactured in India.

Speaking during the company's second quarter earnings call, Cook also noted that China would remain the primary manufacturing base for most Apple products sold outside the US. Cook's comments assume significance following a Financial Times report stating that Apple plans to shift all iPhone production for the US market to India starting in 2026. The move is believed to be driven by lower reciprocal tariffs on Indian-made products compared to those from China and Vietnam. However, Cook emphasised that his remarks were limited to the current quarter and did not provide guidance for future quarters.

"The existing tariffs that apply to Apple today are based on the product's country of origin as you alluded to. For the June quarter, we do expect the majority of iPhones sold in the US will have India as their country of origin and Vietnam to be the country of origin for almost all iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, and AirPods products sold in the – also sold in the US,"Cook said.

Currently, China dominates global phone production, accounting for 76.6% of the total supply. Vietnam contributes 9.9%, India 8.4%, and South Korea 1.2%. According to S&P Global Market Intelligence, 81.9% of iPhones exported from India between December 2024 and February 2025 were shipped to the US. In March 2025, that figure surged to 97.6% following a 219% jump in exports—likely a result of Apple expediting shipments to get ahead of expected US tariffs.

The increase in Indian-made iPhone shipments to the US in the June quarter is also attributed to Apple airlifting about 1.5 million units before the announcement of reciprocal tariffs by the US President Donald Trump. According to sources, Apple took proactive steps to avoid the impending tariffs by transporting nearly 600 tonne of iPhones from India. Since March, six cargo jets, each with a capacity of 100 tonne, have flown this route, including one flight departing recently.

Meanwhile, Apple sold 75.9 million iPhones in the US in 2024. In March alone, exports from India amounted to about 3.1 million units. Cook also highlighted record sales across several countries and regions, including India, and announced that Apple will open new retail stores in India later this year.

Apple began producing iPhones in India through contract manufacturers in 2017, initially focusing on basic models, and started assembling Pro models in 2022.

Poonam Gupta assumes charge as Dy governor of Reserve Bank

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

POONAM GUPTA assumed charge as the fourth deputy governor and in-charge of the key monetary policy department of the Reserve Bank effective Friday.

The RBI also rejigged the portfolios of the deputy governors. The government had appointed Gupta as a deputy governor on April 2, for a period of three years from the date of joining. "As a deputy governor, Gupta will look after the monetary policy department, financial markets operations department, department of economic and policy research, financial stability department, international department, department of statistics and information management, corporate strategy and budget department and department of communication," the RBI said in a statement.

She joins the central bank in place of Michael Patra who retired on January 15, 2025. After the reallocation of the portfolios, the senior most deputy governor M Rajeshwar Rao, who was officiating as the head of the monetary policy department will now be handling coordination, departments of regulation, enforcement, legal department, risk monitoring, and secretarial department.

Investors now more focused on AI start-ups

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WITH Artificial Intelligence (AI) gaining significant traction across various industries, investments in these start-ups are also increasing. According to data sourced from market intelligence firm Tracxn, the Indian AI sector includes 7,114 start-ups that have collectively raised $23 billion in equity funding so far.

Recently, Sarvam AI became the first company to receive government support to build an indigenous Artificial Intelligence LLM (large language model). Sarvam, an AI company, has demonstrated proven capability in developing foundational models proficient in Indian languages. Backed by top investors including Lightspeed, Peak XV, and Khosla Ventures, it has so far raised equity funding of $53.6 million. Vivek Raghavan, Co-founder of Sarvam, said that they are ready to build AI that reaches every corner of the country. "Our goal is to build multi-modal, multi-scale foundation models from scratch. When we do, a universe of applications unfolds," he said.

Rupee gains for 3rd straight session, settles below 84 against US dollar

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumabi

THE rupee has extended its rally for the third straight session on Friday, wiping out all losses since Donald Trump's win as the president of the US last November.

Analysts say the currency will see significant gain against the greenback, going forward. The rupee rallied nearly 1% intra-day and breached the psychologically 84 level and it settled at 83.5568 against the dollar. Such strength was last seen in June 2024. This comes within two months after the rupee had plunged to a historic low of 87.95 on February 10.

Currency traders cited strong dollar inflows into the equities and also into debt coupled with short-covering amid rising hopes of a US-India trade deal as the main driver of the rupee gains. The rupee has risen nearly 2% this week on the back of a 2.3% rally in March.

There was large short covering after reports trickled in a trade deal with the US, a trader told the TNIE. Exporters' dollar sales and a scaling back of bearish wagers on the rupee have also helped, he said, adding that investors have ramped up bullish wagers on the rupee, alongside most of its regional peers.

One of the key reasons for the currency gaining strength is the continuous inflows by the foreign investors who have been net buyers for the 11th straight session in equities. This is the longest run of inflows in two years. The lack of aggressive dollar buying by the central bank has also aided, traders said.

Another aiding factor is the continuing weakness of the dollar as a result of which the dollar index has come off significantly from its January highs of 110 and is hovering around the 100 mark now. Meanwhile, the forex reserves continued the gaining streak for the eighth consecutive week for the period, adding $1.983 billion to $688.129 billion during the week to g April 25. In the previous week the kitty had jumped by $8.31 billion. The reserves had peaked at $704.885 billion in the week to September 27, 2024.

For the reporting week, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, rose $2.168 billion to $580.663 billion, the RBI data showed on Friday. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Following the massive drop in yellow metal prices, the gold reserves fell $207 million to $84.365 billion during the week while the special drawing rights rose $21 million to $18.589 billion and the reserve position with the IMF also rose $2 million to $4.512 billion.

EXPRESS READ

Oyo postpones listing plans for third time

NEW DELHI: Oyo is reportedly postponing IPO plans for the third time after resistance from top investor SoftBank and market fluctuations. The company, which was planning to list on exchanges in Oct 2025, may not launch its IPO until March 2026. As per Bloomberg, Oyo CEO Ritesh Agarwal wanted to list it to start the repayment of a $2.2 bn loan taken from lenders. *ENS*

Sebi mulls measures for REITs, InvITs

NEW DELHI: Markets regulator Sebi on Friday proposed alignment of valuation report timelines with financial results for real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs). These proposals are aimed at promoting ease of doing business. REITs and InvITs are required to get assets valued regularly and submit them. *ENS*

Public debt needs to come down: DEA Secy

NEW DELHI: India's elevated public debt, which results in fairly large interest outgo, needs to be moderated to get a rating upgrade from global rating agencies, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said on Friday. Speaking at ISAAC Centre for Public Policy Conference, he said India cannot remain fixated to a particular way in the midst of uncertainties. *ENS*

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

BOJ KEEPS RATES STEADY, CUTS GROWTH FORECASTS

Yields on Japan's bonds fell on Friday amid strong investor demand for these notes, on expectations that the Bank of Japan will not raise rates soon. The BOJ on Thursday kept interest rates steady and sharply cut its growth forecasts, suggesting uncertainty surrounding US tariffs and the hit to exports could keep policy in a holding pattern for some time. The two-year JGB yield and the five-year yield both fell 1.5 basis points each to 0.61% and 0.82%, respectively. The 10-year JGB yield fell 1 bp to 1.26%. Prices of those bonds rose sharply, and the corresponding yields fell, after the BOJ announced its cautious stance on Thursday. The rally continued on Friday. Japan's top economic negotiator, Ryosei Akazawa, held talks with his US counterpart, and said he aims to hold the third round of discussions again this month. Meanwhile, China's Commerce Ministry said Beijing is "evaluating" an offer from Washington to hold talks over the tariffs.

HONG KONG

ECONOMY ACCELERATED IN Q1

Hong Kong's economy grew in the first quarter by 3.1% from a year earlier, official advance estimates showed on Friday. The economy expanded for a ninth quarter. Hong Kong reported a revised 2.5% economic growth in the fourth quarter of 2024, 1.9% growth in the third quarter, 3.0% growth in the second quarter and 2.8% growth in the first quarter. External demand supported goods exports while growth in visitor arrivals boosted services, the government said of the first quarter performance. Overall investment expenditure also rose, but private consumption spending declined amid changes in residents' consumption patterns as they tightened their belts and took advantage of the Hong Kong dollar's strength to shop across the border on the mainland. On a seasonally adjusted quarterly basis, the economy expanded 2.0% in January-March, the data showed.

THAILAND

CENTRAL BANK READY TO EASE MONETARY POLICY: DY GUV

Thai central bank is ready to ease again, if needed, to support the economy through the global trade war, a deputy central bank governor said on Friday. The economy should have grown by nearly 2.5% in the first quarter year-on-year, Bank of Thailand Deputy Governor Piti Disyatat said told Reuters. While that would be a slowdown from the annual 3.2% pace in the final quarter of 2024, Piti said the economy was not expected to have contracted on a quarter-on-quarter basis. First-quarter GDP data will be released on May 19. On Wednesday, the central bank cut its key interest rate by a quarter point for a second straight meeting, and lowered its growth forecast for 2025 to 2% on an assumption that U.S. tariffs stayed near the current rate of 10%. The next meeting is on June 25. Fiscal policy space is also limited, and planned government stimulus measures should be reassessed in the current context.

2-wheeler sales in slow lane, Hero's dispatches fall 43% in April

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TWO-WHEELER sales in April 2025 remained sluggish, with most original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) reporting subdued figures. Hero MotoCorp faced a significant decline, with dispatches to dealerships plunging 43% year-on-year to just 305,406 units. This puts Hero's April wholesales behind its key rivals-Honda (HMSI), TVS Motor, and Bajaj Auto.

Hero said its sales (dispatches) were impacted by a three-day production pause at four of its plants between April 17-19. The halts took place to facilitate supply chain alignment and conduct scheduled maintenance and infrastructure enhancements.

The company said it recorded 5.05 lakh VAHAN registrations for its internal combustion engine (ICE) two-wheelers in April 2025 and has maintained a consistent month-on-month rise in retail market share throughout 2025.

HMSI's total sales stood at 480,896 units in April 2025, which included 4,22,931 domestic units and 57,965 exported units. This is an 11% YoY fall from 541,946 units sold in April 2024. Bajaj Auto reported a decline in total two-wheeler sales last month. It fell 7% YoY to 317,937 units.

Domestic sales for the Pune-based automaker fell 13% YoY to 188,615 units, as against 216,950 units in the year-ago period. Bajaj's exports, however, rose 4% YoY to 129,322 units as compared to 124,839 units in April last year.

Among the large players, TVS Motor and Royal Enfield reported a growth in April sales.

TVS reported that its two-wheelers saw a growth of 15% with sales increasing from 374,592 units in April 2024 to 430,330 units in April 2025. Domestic sales saw growth of 7% to 323,647 units in April 2025.

Royal Enfield posted monthly sales of 86,559 motorcycles in April 2025, up by 6% during the same month last year. Its domestic sales rose by 1% to 76,002 units while exports grew by 55% to 10,557 motorcycles during the month. B Govindarajan, MD of Eicher Motors and CEO of Royal Enfield, said, "After achieving the million unit sales milestone in the past financial year, this year is also off to a flying start. We expanded our global footprint, introducing Classic 350 in Nepal and continuing to deepen our connection with our global riding community."

Shortage of delivery partners due to their high demand in quick commerce

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE quick commerce industry in the country is growing rapidly and major players such as Zepto, Zomato's Blinkit and Swiggy Instamart are facing competition from emerging players. In the past a few months, these players are trying to increase both the market share and the number of dark stores.

All brokerages acknowledged the rising competitive heat in the space after Eternal (formerly Zomato) announced that its food delivery gross order value fell (1.4% sequentially), mainly due to temporary shortage of delivery partners.

In his letter to shareholders, Deepinder Goyal, founder & CEO, Eternal, highlighted that food delivery growth saw slowdown and it is due to three key reasons including the "shortage (temporary) of delivery partners due to their high demand in quick commerce given the rapid expansion of the industry in the last few months". The drop in demand is due to competition from quick delivery of packaged food.

In its recent report, staffing firm TeamLease Services said quick commerce maintains a steady hiring pattern throughout the year. Balasubramanian A, senior VP and business head at TeamLease, said the sector is expanding at an unprecedented rate, with the market size projected to reach $5 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 10-15%. "The surge in last-mile delivery, dark store operations and warehouse management roles is reshaping gig economy, with Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana leading as key employment hubs," he said.

City Union Bank PAT rises 13% to ₹288 crore in Q4

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CITY Union Bank on Friday reported a 13% rise in profit after tax (PAT) to ₹288 crore for the fourth quarter of the current financial year compared to ₹255 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Kumbakonam-based bank's net interest income (NIM), a key parameter for a bank's profitability, surged 10% to ₹601 crore in Q4FY25 from ₹547 crore for Q4FY24. Total income rose 15% to ₹1,784 crore in the quarter under review to ₹1,549 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Non-interest income increased 43% to ₹251 crore in Q4FY25 from ₹175 crore in Q4FY24. The gross non-performing assets (NPAs) fell to 3.09% or ₹1,638 crore. The bank's net NPAs declined to 1.25% in the quarter under review from 1.97% in the same quarter the previous year. For the entire FY25, NIM increased by 9% to ₹2,316 crore.

The cost of deposits increased to 6.02% in the quarter from 5.75% a year-ago period. The net interest margin of the bank declined to 3.60% in Q4FY25 from 3.66% in Q4FY24. Return on assets (RoA) improved to 1.53% in Q4FY25 from 1.48% in the year-ago period.

KCA suspends Sreesanth for three years over remarks in Sanju row

The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) has suspended former India pacer S Sreesanth for three years for allegedly making false and derogatory statements against it in connection with the controversy surrounding Sanju Samson's omission from the Indian team for the Champions Trophy. In a statement, the KCA said the decision was taken at its special General Body meeting held in Kochi on April 30.

RCB JUGGERNAUT SUM OF ALL THINGS

From power-hitter Salt as perfect foil for stabiliser Kohli to coach Flower & Krunal's influence, Bengaluru have shone in many areas

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

FOR the first three or so hours in Jeddah, the people at the Royal Challengers Bengaluru table kept rising their paddles.

Unsuccessfully.

They started the mega auction by bidding for Kagiso Rabada but Gujarat Titans went higher and bagged the South African pacer.

There were similar stories elsewhere. Mitchell Starc, Rishabh Pant, Yuzvendra Chahal, KL Rahul, David Miller, R Ashwin and Marcus Stoinis came and went. At the RCB table, fronted by Mo Bobat and Dinesh Karthik, they had clearly identified some of these players as part of their first XI plans but they weren't prepared to push the envelope. They had a set figure for all of these players and once that number was hit, the franchise pulled out.

In theory, most of these players would have walked into their first XI. But they came armed with elaborate plans and processes, a marked difference from some of the other auctions. Those plans included some must-have buys. One of those players at the top of that particular wish-list was Phil Salt.

In a scene straight out of Moneyball, the management prioritised his signing because he tended to hit a lot of boundaries in the powerplay. "Salt...," Karthik had said in a video since released by the franchise, "28% of the times gets 6-8 runs/over, and 30% of the times gets 12-15/over. So, one in four overs, he will hit 16 plus. Are you serious? One in two overs, he goes 12 runs or plus. How is that physically even possible?"

From the beginning of January 1, 2023 till October 31, 2024, Salt was third on the list of openers for fours and sixes (255 and 124). He was also one of the few openers available at the auction with a strike rate of over 160. The management was sold so they wanted to buy him at all costs. At the auction, they were clear, uncluttered. They engaged in bidding wars with multiple franchises (Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders) before getting him for ₹11.5 cr. Retaining Virat Kohli meant they needed an ultra-aggressive powerplay basher. Salt was one of the many pieces of the jigsaw.

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This next era of T20 cricket will undoubtedly give birth to the rise of the super coach, if it already hasn't. A few cricketers have already remarked about it, including Harshit Rana. A few days ago, Rana admitted he was missing Gambhir's 'aura' in the KKR dugout.

Andy Flower comes with a similar sort of street cred. For one simple reason: he's a guarantee for wins.

Since leaving the England team and becoming a gun coach in T20 set-ups across continents and teams, the former Zimbabwean batter has built an enviable portfolio of work. In five years, he has worked in as many leagues and won with teams in three of them. He, at the very least, takes teams to the playoffs, gives them a fighting chance. Hence, it's no surprise that Bengaluru are on the cusp of qualifying for back-to-back knockouts under him. In fact, Flower is on course to become one of the very few coaches to taste four playoffs on the spin (he led Lucknow Super Giants to the playoffs in 2022 and 2023). "One thing," he had remarked in an RCB in-house media programme, "that I have learnt over the years is certainly that working with the person is as important or perhaps more important than just working with the athlete, if you like, or the competitor. If you are not looking after that person, it's very hard for him to be that outstanding competitor. You realize the game is not quite that simple. "Our job as coaches is to try and help our players play somewhere near their potential. They have all got a potential of 100% and we have got to help them understand themselves, understand their game, understand the game, understand things like how they react to pressure."

For years, RCB had raw materials. But they were always lesser than their parts. These days? A sum greater than their parts. Nobody emphasises this more than Krunal Pandya who has quietly emerged as one of their most important players. Flower had already said Pandya was somebody they targeted at the auction.

He was intimate with why in a press conference after their game against Rajasthan last week. "Krunal was a very important pick for us in the auction," Flower said. "We liked his all-around capabilities, but also his experience. He has experienced winning the IPL, he has experienced captaining in the IPL and he has played international cricket. He also has got fire in his belly, and I really like that. Obviously, both brothers do. So he was an important pick for us in the auction."

In Jeddah, when the auctioneer pulled Krunal's name from the hat, the RCB table was the first to lift their paddle. They bullied Rajasthan and got their man. Again, that thing about clarity.

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In the past, RCB had three gun batters but batting depth was lacking. In the bowling department, there was a lack of across-phases specialists. They have addressed both of those issues in the auction.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Rahane adapts and delivers amidst woes

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

THE air surrounding veteran batter Ajinkya Rahane is usually that of flair, composure and sedateness. Leading the India team on a few occasions, he has carved himself a place in the history of Indian cricket, especially after winning the Test match at the Gabba in Australia.

Cut to the later part of 2024, Rahane ended his Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy(SMAT) as the top run-getter, with a strike rate more than 170 while playing for Mumbai. He had justified the IPL holders Kolklata Knight Riders' late scoop in the mega auction for ₹1.50 crore.

Although the KKR skipper is the franchises top-run getter this season, his strike rate has reached nowhere to the levels of SMAT. This could be because of KKR openers not building the platform for him to play 'his natural game.'

"You have seen me playing for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and for Mumbai in SMAT 2024. Even here (IPL 2025) I started with very good strike rate but then I had to adapt to the situation because our batters were struggling to get runs. So it's important as a batsman to adapt to the situation very quickly and then we just need to think what the team needs from you in that situation," he said during a Star Sports press room on Friday. He has a strike rate of about 120-130.

KKR had let go of Phil Salt and the change in the opening has not worked well for them. "Sunil Narine has done well in the past for us. This year, we started with Quinny (Quinton de Kock). Quinny played a very good knock. But again, he couldn't capitalise on that. He is trying hard. He is trying his best," he stated.

Venkatesh Iyer's dip in form has led to KKR's batting woes as well. One of the star performers last year, Iyer's meagre contributions of 28 runs in the last four games has not gone well with his tag of ₹23.75 cr.

"Every player goes through that phase where, they are trying their best but the performance is not coming. We all know that he is a quality player and has won matches for the team as well. So, it's important from the leadership group's point of view to back him like we do every player," he added.

Their next two games are against already eliminated CSK and Rajasthan Royals. Rahane had explained how it's imperative to capitalise now as teams target play-off spots. "He is just one inning away. You can probably see one good inning from him in the next four games. And that probably will be the match-winning inning from his side," he concluded.

Ajinkya Rahane has been the highest run-getter for Kolkata this season | AFP

POOR OPENING ACT

Name	Innings	Runs	S/R	AVG
S Narine	9	178	174.51	22.25
Q de Kock	7	143	137.50	23.83
R Gurbaz	3	28	147.36	14.00

RCB ON THE CUSP

Royal Challengers Bengaluru can take a decisive step towards the knockouts with a win over already eliminated Chennai Super Kings. A look...

KRUNAL'S STAR TURN

In a team filled with shrewd operators, Krunal Pandya has emerged as a very capable hand. A senior left-arm finger-spinner doubling up as a handy lower-order hitter, maybe Ravindra Jadeja can take some pointers?

HAZLEWOOD AGAINST CHENNAI'S TOP-ORDER

Josh Hazlewood's ability to hit the deck, find some nibble off the surface has allowed Bengaluru to control a lot of games. He may find some joy via this route against a top-order that has struggled all season long.

RCB vs CSK, Bengaluru
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Gujarat's top-3 do the business again

AGENCIES @Ahmedabad

THE triumvirate of Shubman Gill, Sai Sudharsan and Jos Buttler fired in unison with their explosive batting to propel Gujarat Titans to 224 for six against Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL here on Friday. Gill blazed away to a 38-ball 76, while Sudharsan chipped in with a breezy 23-ball 48. Buttler took GT past 200 with his 64 off 37 deliveries. That total proved to be too steep for SRH as they lost by 38 runs.

Sent in to bat, skipper Gill got the innings underway for GT when he flicked a loose Mohammed Shami delivery over deep square leg for a six.

Shami looked off-colour as Sudharsan dispatched the seamer for five boundaries. SRH captain Pat Cummins brought himself into the attack, but the carnage continued as Gill launched into his opposite number. GT amassed 82 runs in the powerplay, following which spin was introduced in the form of Zeeshan Ali and the leg-spinner gave his team a much-needed breakthrough by dismissing Sudharsan. In the company of Buttler, Gill continued at the same pace and reached his half-century. Buttler also looked in good nick and smashed Ansari straight down the ground for a six, and three balls later, the Englishman crossed 4000 runs in IPL. SRH, in reply, were in with an outside chance when Abhishek Sharma (74) and Heinrich Klaasen (23) were in the middle. But once the duo was dismissed in quick succession, it was all but over for the visitors.

Brief scores: GT 224/6 in 20 ovs (Gill 76, Buttler 64; Unadkat 3/35) **bt** SRH 186/6 in 20 ovs (Abhishek 74, Klaasen 23).

Gujarat Titans' Jos Buttler (L) celebrates his fifty on Friday | AP

'Bumrah & Boult make it easy for me'

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

DEEPAK Chahar has been one of the vital cogs for Mumbai Indians this season.

His numbers might not match up with the best but his presence cannot be understated. The medium pacer, who was formerly with Chennai Super Kings, has complemented the rest of the bowling attack to help Mumbai climb atop of points table in the ongoing Indian Premier League. In Mumbai's most-recent win against Rajasthan Royals, Deepak dismissed the in-form Vaibhav Suryavanshi to give Mumbai the ideal start before Trent Boult, the leading wicket-taker for the franchise with 17 scalps, and Jasprit Bumrah took over.

The Agra-born player credited the entire team for his good output so far. "I think we're playing good cricket as a unit and everybody is in form, including bowlers and batters. Everybody has performed in the last 8 to 9 matches. Obviously, when you're performing as a team and then you, as a player, have confidence. So I think it's just the collective teamwork and everybody being in form that gives a lot of confidence." Bowling alongside the likes of Boult and Bumrah, two big names in the world of fast bowling, has given him that little bit of edge. "When you are bowling with world-class partners, it becomes easy for you because if you have a bad over, they are there to back you up by chipping in with breakthroughs. It then becomes easy for me to come and bowl to the new batter," said Chahar.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Solid start for Aditi in Utah tournament

UTAH: Golfer Aditi Ashok made a strong start that placed her 29th on the opening day of the Black Desert Championship here. Having begun her round on the back nine, Aditi dropped a shot on the 11th hole before picking up birdies on the 13th and 14th. She closed the first nine with an even-par 36 after dropping a shot on the 16th.

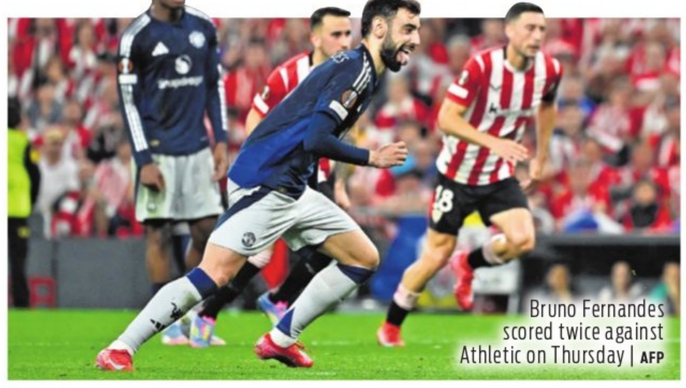
After loss, Forest's Euro dreams hang in balance

NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Forest suffered a huge blow in their push for a return to the Champions League after decades as Brentford came away from the City Ground with a 2-0 win on Thursday. A third defeat in four games leaves Forest outside the Premier League's top five with just four games remaining.

Oz tour: Women's hockey team eyes better show

PERTH: After three defeats, India will be trying out new strategies when they clash with hosts Australia again in their fourth match of the five-game series here on Saturday. The visitors, had lost 3-5 and 2-3 to Australia 'A' before going down 0-2 to Australia at Perth on Thursday.

Man United, Spurs one step closer to Europa final



Bruno Fernandes scored twice against Athletic on Thursday | AFP

AGENCIES @Bilbao

BRUNO Fernandes struck twice as Manchester United put one foot in the Europa League final with a clinical away performance to beat 10-man Athletic Bilbao 3-0 on Thursday.

The fervent home fans were enraged when Athletic defender Daniel Vivian was sent off for pulling back Rasmus Hojlund and Fernandes slotted home the resulting penalty, after Casemiro had opened the scoring against the run of play in the semi-final first leg. Fernandes rolled in a third before half-time as Ruben Amorim's side moved a step closer to the final, to be held at Athletic's San Mames stadium.

In the other semifinal, Tottenham closed in on a place in the final after Brennan Johnson struck just 38 seconds into their 3-1 win against Norwegian side Bodo/Glimt. James Maddison and Dominic Solanke also scored for Spurs.

Super Cup final: FC Goa & Jamshedpur fight for glory

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THE 2019 champions FC Goa will take on first-time finalists Jamshedpur FC in the summit clash of the Kalinga Super Cup here on Saturday. The champion will qualify for the 2025-26 Champions League Two Preliminary Round. Goa are aiming not only to become the first team to win this trophy twice, but also to end their four-year absence from continental football. The Gaurs' sole campaign in Asia came in the 2021 AFC Champions League.

Meanwhile, Jamshedpur FC are in an uncharted territory, ending a run of two semifinal losses in the Super Cup to reach their first-ever final in any competition in the club's eight-year history. The Men of Steel have a golden chance to earn their maiden ticket to Asia.

Un-Chain melody: Focus, belief & practice behind shooter's good rhythm

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

INDIAN shooting has come a long way in the last decade or so. Chain Singh is one of the rare shooters to have had a unique involvement during this evolution. In a rapidly-growing market that has constantly generated high-yielding stocks, Chain has been that stock that has weathered unfavourable circumstances over the years to stay relevant. The mild-mannered man from the Army is one of the experienced faces in the national shooting team brimming with hot stocks and potentials. And having captured his first individual World Cup medal recently, the 36-year-old from Chanser is now aiming to go higher.

In a tense final of the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event in the season-opener in Buenos Aires, Chain had done just about enough to edge junior counterpart Aishwary Pratap Singh for the final spot in the podium. Also, Chain and many other Indians were training their guns at the Tiro Federal Argentino de Buenos Aires range for the first time. "The conditions at the range (Buenos Aires) were quite tough. In India, we get somewhat similar kinds of challenges during June, July. It gets windy. So we have faced those kinds of challenges in the past as well. But if you look overall, it was quite tough," Chain recollected.

His wide grasp of the sport helped him navigate the challenge then. The rifle shooter also credited foreign coach Thomas Farnik for India's visible growth in recent years. India ended with an impressive haul of 15 medals (6G, 6S, 3B) in the first two World Cups in Argentina and Peru. "Experience matters a lot. The standards of coaches have also gone up in India. Thomas Farnik is an advanced-level coach and has plenty of experience. I could implement a bit of his experience in my game. The level of performance of the shooting team is next level at the moment. There are a lot of things we have learnt in the last four, five years. It has been beneficial and we'll continue to reap benefits in the days to come," he noted.

Chain Singh (L) & Thomas Farnik | NRAI

Chain himself was reaping the rewards of his hard work and persistence at the elite level after a fairly long gap. "I believe in myself. Given that I have been shooting for a long time, I believe in my technique. If I also put my mind outside technique, then you're bound to get distracted. I continue to focus on my process. Gradually, once you follow that mantra, you'll have a strong base. Then if you are able to execute, you would have practised for a long time... things will eventually be in your control. It's all about focus, belief and practice," the former Asian Games medallist said.

The Olympics is considered to be the Holy Grail by most athletes at the amateur level. Indian shooting might be in a position of strength at this hour after three medals in the 2024 Paris Games but that was not the case before not so long ago. That is not to state that they were hopeless. Far from that. Indian shooters were gunning down medals at elite competitions but an Olympic medal had inevitably proven to be beyond their grasp. Chain would know it better as he had experienced that pain first hand during the 2016 Rio Olympics. With a fresh wave of optimism within the squad, Chain's ultimate target is to have another crack at the Olympics. "The ultimate goal is the Olympics. I'll focus on the upcoming competitions and consider that as part of the training process."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Uttarakhand was once home to a rich repository of agrobiodiversity with over 40 indigenous millets and coarse cereals. Many of them are nearing extinction. But maize has shown a remarkable growth in the hills

UTTARAKHAND'S HILL AGRICULTURE FACES CLIMATE CRUNCH

As climate change reshapes Uttarakhand's hilly terrain, agricultural yields drop 15.2% and cultivated land shrinks 27.2% from 2012-2021. Pulses and spices emerge as climate-resilient saviors amidst cereal struggles. Rising temperatures and erratic rainfall threaten traditional crops like paddy and wheat. Innovative farming practices and government support offer hope for the future. Can diversification save the state's rural backbone?

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

UTTARAKHAND'S hill agriculture, the lifeline of nearly 80% of its rural population, is grappling with a climate-induced crisis. A comprehensive report by Climate Trends, New Delhi-based think tank, released recently, reveals a stark 15.2% decline in agricultural yields and a 27.2% reduction in cultivated area across the state's hilly districts between 2012 and 2021. With 92% of its landscape dominated by rugged mountains and over 55% of farmland reliant on rainfed systems, the state's farming communities are feeling the heat—literally—as rising temperatures and erratic rainfall disrupt traditional practices.

Cereals, which cover 86% of the cultivated area and contribute 91% of total crop production, have borne the brunt of this shift. Wheat, paddy, finger millet, and barnyard millet saw the steepest declines, with area reductions of 4.63%, 2.83%, 3.65%, and 4.03% respectively, and yield drops of 2.85%, 1.33%, 3.09%, and 2.2% over the decade. The second half of this period (2017-2021) witnessed an accelerated decline, with all cereals hitting their lowest cultivated areas in 2021. However, maize and amaranth bucked the trend, recording yield increases of 5.9% and 5.6%, thriving in the warmer, semi-arid conditions now prevalent in the hills.

Potatoes, a key vegetable crop, have faced a dramatic collapse, with yields plummeting 70.82% from 367,309 metric tonnes in 2020-21 to 107,150 metric tonnes in 2023-24, and cultivated area shrinking 36.4% from 26,867.46 hectares to 17,083.04 hectares in just two years. Districts like Almora, Rudraprayag, and Pauri Garhwal recorded the steepest declines, exacerbated by rising temperatures—averaging a 1.5°C increase since 1970—and reduced winter precipitation, critical for tuber development. "The erratic rainfall and lack of snowfall have hit potato farming hard. Farmers are struggling with dry soils and rising heat, and organic methods alone can't keep up," says Anil Kumar of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Udham Singh Nagar, emphasising the crop's vulnerability.

Yet, amid the downturn, pulses and spices are emerging as beacons of hope. Pulses like pigeon pea, horse gram, and chickpea have shown resilience, with area under cultivation rising by 1.21%, 0.35%, and a remarkable 18.51% respectively, and yields increasing by 4.5%, 3.12%, and 2.78%. Chickpea cultivation surged from 120 hectares in 2012 to 656 hectares in 2021, signaling a shift toward drought-tolerant crops. This aligns with the state's rich agro-biodiversity, where GI-tagged varieties like pahari toor daal and bhatt (black soybean) are gaining traction.

The Central government's 2025 "Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses" could further boost this trend by incentivising procurement. "Pulses are a lifeline now. They thrive with less water and give us better returns, especially with government support for varieties like pigeon pea," notes Ramesh Chandra, a farmer from Almora.

Spice cultivation has also soared, with a 50% increase in area and 10.5% rise in yield between 2016 and 2022. Turmeric and chilli lead the charge, with area growth of 112% and 35%, and yield jumps of 122.5% and 21%, respectively. Turmeric hit a dramatic high in 2022, yielding 28,161 metric tonnes from 3,145 hectares, driven by market demand and resistance to animal attacks. "Turmeric and chilli are saving us. They fetch good prices and wild animals leave them alone, unlike our cereal crops," says Jogendra Bisht, President of Lok Chetna Manch.

Climate change is the undeniable driver behind these shifts. The state's average temperature has risen by 0.02°C annually since 1970, with high-altitude districts like Uttarkashi and Chamoli warming faster. Rainfall has declined by 11.2 mm per decade, and extreme weather events—94 days in 2023 alone—destroyed 44,882 hectares of farmland. Soil erosion at 40 tons/ha/year and dwindling stream flows have intensified water scarcity, pushing farmers toward outmigration and reducing cultivated land. "The land is drying up, and without winter rain, crops like wheat and paddy are failing. We are turning to multi-cropping with pulses and spices to survive," adds Suman Devi, a farmer from Pauri Garhwal.

Resilience lies in reviving traditional practices like the Barahnaja multicropping system, which once grew 12 diverse crops to ensure food security. While fragmented landholdings have faded this practice, modern adaptations—intercropping pulses with millets—offer a sustainable path. Krishi Vigyan Kendras are introducing drought-tolerant pigeon pea varieties, and rainwater harvesting and mulching are gaining ground. "These new techniques, combined with market access, could turn things around," says Kumar. With agriculture's GSDP share dropping from 11.5% in 2011-12 to 8.8% in 2021-22, these innovations, backed by policy support, could revitalise Uttarakhand's hill farming. The question remains whether diversification and resilience can outpace the climate challenge.

CROP PRODUCTION IN UTTARAKHAND HILLS

Sl No	Crop	Area in Hectares in 2021	% Change in Area between 2012-202	Yield in M Tonnes in 2021	% Change in Yield between 2012-2021
1	Wheat	111458	-4.63	201452	-2.85
2	Paddy	89651	-2.83	141166	-1.33
3	Finger Millet (Mandwa)	77830	-3.65	114977	-3.09
4	Barnyard Millet (Sanwa)	37578	-4.03	60542	-2.2
5	Barley	17488	-1.63	25206	-1.08
6	Maize	15355	-1.72	38368	5.9
7	Horse Gram (black chana)	11258	0.35	11829	3.12
8	Black Gram (Urad)	8888	-1.6	9710	1.72
9	Red Lentil (Masoor)	8084	-2.26	7021	-2
10	Lahi-Sarson-Toriya (mustard- rapeseed)	7505	1.65	4544	2.3
11	Black Soyabean (Bhatt)	6680	0.66	7772	2.05
12	Kidney beans (Rajma)	5679	0.11	6711	1.22
13	Ramdana	5301	-2.2	6749	5.6
14	Soyabean	3788	-0.08	4796	0.71
15	Pigeon Pea (Toor)	2820	1.21	3012	4.5
16	Sesame (Til)	1561	0.27	412	-0.12
17	Matar	1361	-2.07	831	-2.68
18	Chickpea (Chana)	656	18.51	121	2.78
19	Groundnut (Moongfali)	40	-7.15	61	-3.15
20	Sugarcane	4	-7.79	334	-4.69

Note: Agricultural production here includes only cereals, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane

Source: The table has been compiled based on data from the Department of Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand

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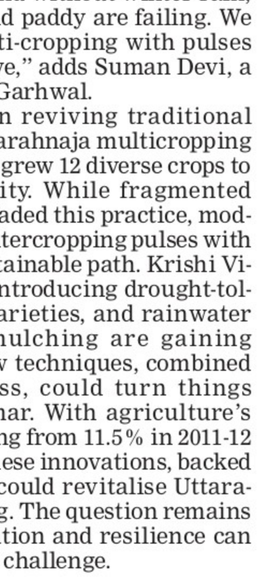

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The e-Tender is invited in duplicate from eligible Tenderers, registered Contractor by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of **Renovation Works Boys Hostel-1 & Boys Hostel-2 at VIAT Campus Muddenahalli Amounting to Rs. 67,27,141/- (Excluding GST).** The tenderers, who have executed similar nature of single work costing 50% of amount put to tender, shall only apply for this work. Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 05-05-2025.**
Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi
DIPR/Belagavi/166/Adverto/2025-26

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ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಪಿನ್–583231
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT KOPPAL-583231
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:dswo_koppal@yahoo.inಫೋನ್ನಂ. 08539–220138.
No: DDSWDK:EDN:Manpower service Tender: CR-01:2025-26 /166 Dated: 29.04.2025
Short Term Tender
(Supply of Man power services through outsource for Premetric, Postmetric Boys & Girls Hostels & Residential Schools Working Under Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department of Koppal Dist Through KPPP SWD/2025-26/SEO0176
1.Tender Notification Date: **29.04.2025.** 2.Amount Put to Tender: **Approx Rs 766.27/- lakhs.** 3.Date of Commencement of Tender : **29.04.2025.** 4.Pre-bid Meeting Date &Time (Subject to Changes): **03.05.2025 11.00AM.** 5.Last Date and Time For Receipt of Tenders: **14.05.2025 05.30PM.** 6.Date & Time For Opening of Technical Bid (Subject to Changes): **16.05.2025 11.00 AM.** 7.Date & Time For Opening of Financial Bid (Subject to Changes): **19.05.2025 12.00 PM.** 8.EMD: **Rs: 11,49,041/-.** 9.Address for Communication: **Deputy Director Social Welfare DeptFirst Floor District Administration Building Hospet Road Koppal**
Sd/-Deputy Director
Social Welfare Department, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/62/KSMCA/2025-26

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
IDFC Bank Limited)CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **25.04.2024** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. T B CHANDRASHEKAR, 2. HANUMANTHAPURA BASAVARAJAPPA ANITHA,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,97,80,291.42/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven Lac Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One And Forty Two Paise Only)** as on **25.04.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **25th day of APRIL 2025.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of **Rs. 1,97,80,291.42/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven Lac Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One And Forty Two Paise Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable properties.
All That Piece Or Parcel Of The Immovable Property Being Vacant Site Bearing No. 64, Municipal Khata No. 64, Situated At Mahalakshmi Layout Further Extension, Bangalore, Presently Which Is Coming Under The Limits Of Ward No. 10, Mahalakshmipura Division Of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Karnataka-560086, Pid No.10-69-64, Which Is Measuring East To West:- (8.8 + 9.10)/2 Meters And North To South:- (12.00 + 12.50)/2 Meters And Is **Bounded On:- East:** Road, **West:** Site No. 63, **North:** Site No. 24, **South:** Road
Date: 25-APRIL-2025
Place: KARNATAKA
Loan Account No: 10012823096, 32760582 & 21292021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

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हम समझे आपकी दुनिया
HDFC Bank Ltd,. Ground Floor, Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1, Bangalore - 560001, Ph: 080-68906205
Possession Notice
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **31-05-2024** calling upon the borrower **Ms. B N Amitha** , D/O. Narayana Giriyappa Residing at # 5 19th Main 11th Cross , Behind SGM School Avalahalli - 560026. **Also At, Shyamala Narayan,** #5, 18th Main 11th Cross Behind, SGM School Avalahalli, Bangalore:560026 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,67,758/-** (RupeesTwo Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Rupees Only) with future interest and expenses thereon within 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the vehicle described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23-04-2025**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank for an amount of **Rs.2,67,758/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty EightRupees Only) with interest and expense thereon from **31-05-2024**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Movable Property
Vehicle –MAHINDRA MARAZZOM27STR Reg No.–KA05MY7713
Engine No.– ESKZA19982 Chassis No .–MA1WA2ES1K2A20942
Date: 23.04.2025
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
For HDFC BANK Ltd.,
Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
E-mail ID: cebuildings_orissa@yahoo.co.in, cebuildings@rediffmail.com, Tel.- (0674) - 2391523
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
File No. B-I-OLL&C-01/2025 Lr. No. 17197 Bhubaneswar, the 29th April, 2025
B-79
Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 06/2025-26

1.	The Chief Engineer (Buildings-II), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work, **"Construction of Proposed Zilla Sanskruti Bhawan at Nuapada, Odisha"** as detailed below.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building works**
3.	No. of work	:	01 No.
4.	Bid Cost.	:	₹ 10,000/- (each)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**'A' / Special Class**
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	**From dt.06.05.2025 to 17.00 Hours of dt.21.05.2025.**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**Dt.22.05.2025 at 11:30 AM.**
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Buildings-II),
OIPR- 34117/11/0089/2526 Odisha, Bhubaneswar

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public hereby informed that my client intend to purchase schedule property bearing property No. 167, situated at 10th Main Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, 1st Block, Srinagara, Bangalore-560050, measuring East to West: (55+52 ½)/2 feet, North to South: (39 ½ +41 ½)/2 feet, in all measuring 2177 square feet, together with the residential building, within the limits of BBMP and bounded on, East by - Storm water drain; West by - Road; North by - Road; South by - Site No. 166/B, from its owner Smt. Sundaravalli Srinivasan W/o. Late L.S. Srinivasan, residing at No.167, 10th Main Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, 1st Block, Srinagara, Bangalore-560050.
If anybody is having any rights, title, claim, interest or objections for the same, may file their objections with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of this notice, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the property treating that there are no claims over the property by any person/s.
B. Dinesh, Advocate
No.16, 1st Floor, Padmavathi Arcade, N.R. Colony, Bangalore-560 004.
Mob: 9448505446

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed and requested the general public at large that, my client Sri. Mariyanna @ Chikkamariyanna S/o. late Sri. Munishamappa, Aged about 66 years, R/at Addevishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, has lost the below mentioned original documents pertaining to Sy. No.49 measuring 4 Acres, situated at Addevishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District;
A. Sale deed dated 24/08/1987, registered as Document No.3468/1987-88 in Book-I, Volume No.4039, pages 114 to 116, in the office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, on 10/12/1987.
B. Sale deed dated 15/09/1989 registered as Document No.794/1989-90 in Book-I, Volume No.9, pages 115 to 118, in the office of Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, on 26/09/1989.
C. Sale deed dated 15/09/1989, registered as Document No.1010/1989-90, of Book-I, Volume No.22, pages 178 to 180, in the office of Sub Registrar, Yelahanka.
That if somebody finds the documents listed above, is hereby requested to send it to below mentioned my address or produce before the Rajanakunte police station as already he has lodged police complaint in that regard. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document.
PRAKASH PATIL, Advocate
Flat No.S1144, Golden Woods Apt. Sandal Wood Block, 1st Main 1st Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bangalore - 560 037.
Mob : +91 9035022987

AIR FORCE STATION
Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063
TENDER FOR REGIMENTAL SHOP
AOC Air Force Station Yelahanka invites tender applications from suitable vendors for running the regimental shops at Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bangalore for a period of 11 months w.e.f 01 Jun 25. All qualifying applicants will be given preference as per the categories as follows: **(a)** War widows/Widows of defence personnel killed while on duty. **(b)** Disabled soldiers/Ex-servicemen **(c)** Spouses/ Widows of Ex servicemen. More than two shops will not be allotted to one vendor and age should not be exceeding 65yrs. **Availability of forms:** At SI Office on all working days (0900-1400 hrs from 03.05.25 to 19.05.25) **Cost of Forms:** Rs.200/- (Non Refundable). **Earnest Money:** Rs.1,000/- in the form of DD in favor of OIC SI Fund AFS Yelahanka (Refundable). **Deposit of forms:** Tender Box kept at Main Guard Room from 10 May 25 to 19 May 25. **Opening of tender:** 1100 hrs on 20.05.2025 (In presence of applicants if any). The following shops available for tendering with minimum tender value of quote for the same :-

S N	Shop	M T V	Location
1	Fancy Shop	Rs.3,000/-	Shopping Complex
2.	Homeopathy & Naturokathy Doctor	Rs.1,210/-	
3.	cycle repair shop	Rs.2,250/-	Parkin Area
4.	Fast Food	Rs.10,000/-	Food Court
5.	'C' Hanger Cafe	Rs.3,000/-	Tech area

Right to accept or reject any of the bids: AOC, AFS Yelahanka Contact No.080-23411081 Extn.7235 (Between 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs on all working Days) Mobile No 9167713407.

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C-DAC ADVANCED LEVEL DIPLOMA COURSE ON
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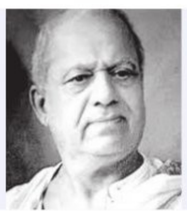
DAY'S DIARY

Movie release

Raja Harishchandra, the first full-length Indian feature film, was released in 1913, marking the beginning of the Indian film industry

THE CREATOR

Raja Harishchandra is a silent film, directed and produced by Dadasaheb Phalke, which was screened at the Coronation Cinema in Mumbai



THE STORY

The film tells the story of King Harishchandra, a legendary ruler from ancient India who was known for his honesty and integrity

PRESERVING LEGACY

The reels of the film are partially lost, and only the first and last reels are preserved at the National Film Archive of India

Show of progress

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WHEY TO WIN!

As RCB faces off long-time rival CSK today, celebrity nutritionist Ryan Fernando, who has worked with the likes of Virat Kohli, reveals what goes into the diet plan of IPL cricketers

PIC: ANI

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

With the Indian Premier League in full swing and the air thick intense rivalries, there's no doubt that every player wants to be at the top of their game. To achieve and maintain peak physical fitness is no easy task, and with high pressure added on top, nutrition becomes a high priority. "All of them are on TV, and when they sweat, their jerseys stick to their torsos, and you can tell who is paunchy and who is ripped; so they have a vanity perspective [to begin with]," explains Ryan Fernando, a Bengaluru celebrity nutritionist, who has worked with the likes of celebrated cricketer Virat Kohli and is currently working with IPL players like Swapnil Singh (RCB), Rahul Tewatia (GT) , and Shardul Thakur (LSG) .

With the IPL games starting only past 7pm and going on into the night, Fernando has to completely change their diet plan, starting the first week of March. "Breakfast shifts to 10.30-11am, because they sleep at 3am. Lunch is shifted from 2.30pm to 4pm."

While most players heavily cut back on carbohydrates, protein intake is prioritised. Evening meals and snacks are kept light."The biggest complaints from IPL players is heat exhaustion. So a lot of our evening meals change to soups and smoothies. They prefer protein smoothies with berries. A lot of them just stick to small sandwiches," he says.

Cheat meals

It's easy to wonder if elite players, too, cheat on their diets. According to Fernando, yes. "During the IPL, many of them aren't able to stick to clean diet plan unless they have the mental grit of, say, Kohli, and that's why he's at the top of his game in terms of diet," he says, explaining, "Most players are relatively disciplined on matchdays and the nights before. However, if they win, there's always a text at 12:30am, requesting to eat something not in the diet plan." When players take a cheat day, it's on a day of travel or rest, with Fernando working with them to create a list of acceptable 'reward meals'.

Should you eat like an IPL player?

While a non-athlete following an IPL player's diet is not recommended, Fernando notes that some aspects can be adopted by night-shift workers. "Working out in a fasted state first thing in the morning can burn more fat. Players do only protein meals or salad during nighttime," says Fernando.

Try This

When sitting down this evening to watch RCB take on CSK, ditch the popcorn, pizza, and nachos, and swap them with healthier snacks that the players prefer. "Number one would be a multigrain sandwich with a lot of vegetables. For vegetarians, my favourite is paneer tikka prepared like bhujia and put into a wrap. If you're non-vegetarian include either egg or some meat to boost the protein," says Fernando.

SAY NO TO THIS

While you may have seen star cricketers' faces plastered on energy drink packaging, in reality, they are a no-go, reveals Fernando, saying, "None of them actually take energy drinks because sometimes, there is a sugar crash after that. They have their isotonic or electrolyte sports drinks. About one or two hours before the game, they have a stimulant to keep them alert – tea or coffee with essential amino acids."

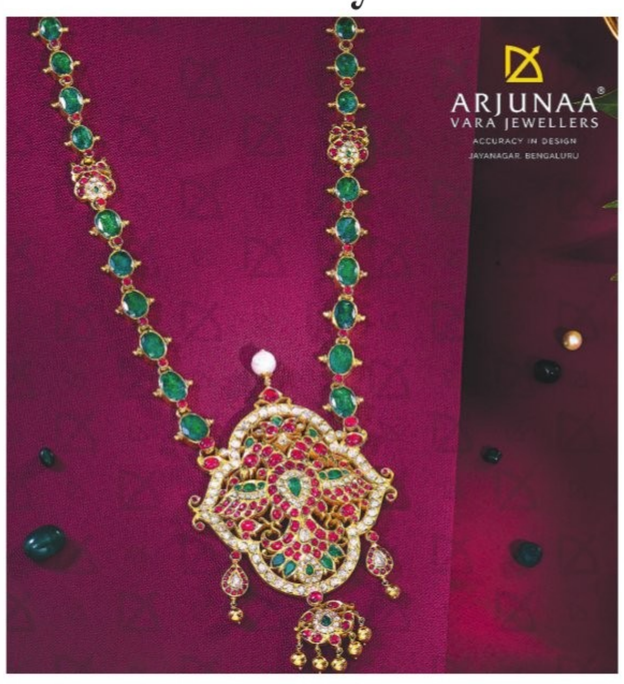
CITY READ

Director honours ICSE toppers for exceptional results

ICSE toppers from the Holy Angel's High School were honoured by Director P Chandra Mohan in the presence of Principal, P Lokesh and teachers recently. A total of 28 students achieved top scores where Chinmayi D secured 96.4 per cent with full marks in the Biology. D Parmar secured 96 per cent with full marks in the Social Science and Hindi. Other students with commendable marks include Rachana R (95 per cent), Syeda Rabia (94.8 per cent), Navya S (87.4 per cent), and Chethan Achari (85.4 per cent).

XPRESS FOCUS

Arjunaa Jewellers Unveils 'Sambhava' Jewellery Purchase Plan



Arjunaa Jewellers, Bengaluru, proudly launches Sambhava — where your intent to invest becomes a legacy of beauty. With just 11 easy monthly contributions, Arjunaa gifts you the 12th, doubling your redeemable gold weight at average rates. Whether it's a timeless gold, classic silver or a stunning diamonds, your aspirations are now closer than ever. Transparent, rewarding, and deeply meaningful, Sambhava isn't just a savings plan — it's an invitation to create family treasures.

For more information, visit Arjunaa Jewellers, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, or explore online at www.arjunaa.in.

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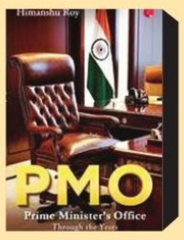
Hi Life Exhibition in Bengaluru

Step into summer with style at the Hi Life Exhibition – an exclusive fashion and lifestyle showcase featuring designer wear, bridal couture, chic summer collections, and statement accessories. Discover the season's fresh trends and elevate your wardrobe with creations from top designers and emerging labels.

Join us at The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru on 3rd & 4th May 2025.

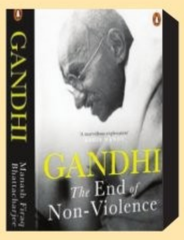
BOOK NOOK



PMO: Prime Minister's Office Through the Years

By Himanshu Roy

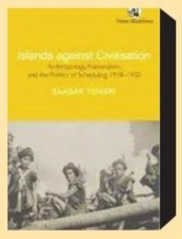
The book traces the evolution of the PMO since independence. Through meticulous research, it examines various facets of the PMO, including its operations, bureaucracy, and the expanding scope of its power.



Gandhi: The End of Non-Violence

By Manash Firaq Bhattacharjee

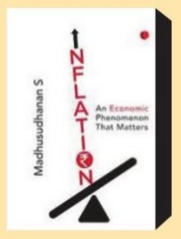
This book is not just a historical account – it is an unflinching meditation on the limits of moral resistance, the brutality of political ambition, and the terrifying costs of a divided nation.



Islands Against Civilisation: Anthropology, Nationalism, and the Politics of Scheduling, 1918–1950

by Saagar Tewari

It gives a history of late-colonial discussions around the future of tribal communities in South Asia.



Inflation: An Economic Phenomenon that Matters

By Madhusudhanan S

It aims to explain these impacts lucidly, along with a deep and insightful coverage of multiple theories, case studies and arguments.

BOTANICAL BEAUTY

Artist Mohit Mahato shows visitors around his solo exhibition, Bring Me Flowers, at Gallery Sumukha, Wilson Garden | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

HASSELBACK EGGS

INGREDIENTS

- **Hard-boiled eggs:** 4
- **Garlic:** 2 tbsp, finely chopped
- **Salt & pepper:** as per taste
- **Olive oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Black sesame seeds**: 1 tbsp
- **Parsley or cilantro:** as required

METHOD

- Boil the eggs and peel off the shells. Carefully make parallel slits on the eggs, ensuring the base remains intact.
- Heat oil in a pan and add chopped garlic, sesame seeds, salt, and black pepper. Sauté for about 30 seconds, being careful not to burn the mixture.
- Turn off the stove. Add chopped parsley leaves. Pour this mixture over the slit eggs.

Contributed by **Meghna Sara,** Kottayam

NOWSTREAMING

VEERA DHEERA SOORAN – PART 2 (Tamil)

Kaali, a provision store owner in Madurai, leads a peaceful life with his wife and children. When his past involvement in a dangerous crime network catches up, Kaali's world turns upside down.

Cast: Vikram, Dushara Vijayan, Suraj Venjaramoodu, SJ Suryah

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUPERBOYS OF MALEGAON (Hindi)

With help from a passionate group of friends, an amateur filmmaker decides to make a movie in his hometown of Malegaon, India.

Cast: Adarsh Gourav, Muskkaan Jaferi, Shashank Arora

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

ANOTHER SIMPLE FAVOR (English)

Stephanie Smothers agrees to travel to Italy to be the maid of honour for the devious and cunning Emily Nelson. However, she soon suspects Emily's good will is part of an elaborate plan for revenge.

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Blake Lively, Michele Morrone, Henry Golding

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
JioHotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

FITBIT

SALAMBA BHEKASANA BELLY PADA BLANKETS (SUPPORTED FROG POSE BELLY FEET BLANKETS)

This is restorative in nature with the feet and belly supported with blankets, which can help students remain in the posture longer. Thus, it can be included in Yin Yoga sequences to help open the deeper fascia at the hips. Addresses issues related to the knees, hips, and pelvis. Also addresses hormonal imbalances in women and teens.

STEPS

- Place two thick folded blankets on top of each other near your feet. Keep a medium-sized blanket handy.
- Inhale, exhale, and lie on the belly, placing the feet on the blanket.
- Knees should touch the ground; align them and try to bring your thighs around 45-degrees, laterally aligned to the hips.
- Slowly take the medium-sized blanket and place it below the belly, supporting the abdomen and hips, avoiding deep pressure to the joints.
- Face should be on the mat, looking to the side, resting the cheeks on the floor.
- Arms at shoulder level or near the chest with elbows folded in a relaxed position and palms face down.
- Relax, keep breathing. With every inhalation and exhalation, feel the hips and pelvic muscles opening.
- After 12 to 14 breaths according to your capacity, slowly come out of the practice. Lengthen your legs and relax completely.
- Slowly, bring the legs down to the floor, lift the hips up to remove the blanket below the belly. Sit up to relax in Vajrasana or seated in Dandasana.
- You need not repeat this practice.

BENEFITS

- Helps open, stretch, strengthen, and lengthen the hip flexors, gluteus maximus, core muscles, IT band, and the inner hamstrings.
- Eases any strain or tensions in the most efficient way, encouraging to stay longer in the posture.
- Brings flexibility in the hips with the support of the pelvis and knees.
- Encourages the hips to be active and opens up pelvis, psoas, and lower back.
- Increases energy levels by throwing out toxins or unwanted gas from the body.
- A fresh energy flow creates a cycle of outward and inward flow of prana to keep the body relaxed and calm.
- Helps calm the nervous system.
- Blanket support is a great way to bring awareness to the abdomen.
- Helps improve the digestive fire (agni).
- Helps stimulate the reproductive organs.
- Included in therapy yoga, especially for students with certain health conditions.
- Activates digestive organs, curing all kidney, stomach, and liver-related diseases.
- Good for women as it facilitates a pain free menstruation, with lesser cramps and regulates the monthly cycle.
- Helps better functioning of the glands.
- Good for opening the groin, healing from a pelvic floor injury or surgery.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have had abdominal surgeries, hernia issues, are recovering from an injury to the hips, knees, chest, rib cage, ankles, or back, have any other abdominal issues or find difficulty in breathing, pregnant women, and seniors should avoid it completely.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Malgudi Afternoons

Embark on a journey to the timeless kitchens of South India with a brunch curated by executive chef Sajid Patel and his culinary team. Highlights include live ghee roast counters featuring chicken, lamb, egg, and paneer, a Malgudi biryani station, and more.

WHEN: May 4, 12.30pm
WHERE: Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel, Malleswaram
CALL: 95919 96953

Paint on Plates

Discover the joy of painting on clay with this beginner-friendly three-hour workshop where you can learn from a professional artist. Explore earthy textures, playful colours, and add a personal touch to your home decor! All materials will be provided.

WHEN: May 3, 3pm
WHERE: Third Wave Coffee, HSR Layout **DETAILS:** district.in

Vintage Walks

Join a heritage walk and take a trip through memory lane by exploring the historic cantonment area. Explore tales of the past at a magnificent church, British-era government buildings, a statue of a notable foreigner, and a road steeped in its own fascinating history.

WHEN: May 3, 8am **WHERE:** MG Road Metro station **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Fitness Fun

Attend a 90-minute workshop that will focus on mindful movement, breathwork, and body awareness. Led by golf coach Nikki Ponnappa and open to all levels, the session combines traditional equipment with a specially designed training regimen to build strength, balance, and mobility.

WHEN: May 4, 7am onwards
WHERE: Tagda Raho, Ulsoor
DETAILS: @thecoorgwellnessfoundation on Instagram

Sweets for Sport

Indulge in a limited-edition sweet called Suryavanshi that is a tribute to the passion and legacy of cricket in India, symbolising the spirit of sporting excellence. Priced at ₹14 per piece, this delicacy features signature craftsmanship blending rich flavours with timeless tradition.

WHEN: May 3-4, 8am onwards
WHERE: Across all India Sweet House outlets
CALL: 92424 20101

Beauty Contest

Experience a fashion show that will gather raw talent, expert grooming, and high-impact brand collaborations – all under one roof. This event promises to be a cultural hotspot on the city's fashion calendar, creating unforgettable moments for shoppers, participants, and brands alike. **WHEN:** May 4, 5pm onwards
WHERE: Elements Mall, Thanisandra Main Road **CALL:** 81970 64240

Musical Maestros

Attend a live concert featuring two musical legends – ghazal maestro **Hariharan** and iconic flautist **Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia** – performing together for the very first time. This collaboration seamlessly promises to blend powerful vocals with the beauty of the flute for an unforgettable experience. **WHEN:** May 4, 7pm onwards
WHERE: Courtyard at Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

THE BOY OF MANY COLOURS

Artist Sathya Narayana, in his watercolour painting, portrays 'Vannamayil', which means 'coloured parrot' or 'multi-hued bird' in Tamil poetic style

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

India talking

IT seems surprising to me that we are already in the fifth month of the new year. The revelry, the parties and exhibitions are on, while the doomsday pundits are busy predicting the end of the world! The more uncomfortable that travelling has become, the more people are travelling! It's like indulging in reverse psychology! People are gluttons for punishment. Most places, even S.E. Asia, which was famous for its hospitality, are getting fed up of boorish tourists. Many tourists are complaining of getting scammed, and let's not forget about the 'civilised' United Kingdom and many parts of Europe. One feels really violated when one is scammed or robbed while abroad. It sounds almost sado-masochistic to say, that I'd rather have my phone or money pickpocketed or pinched on my own turf, where there is some hope of getting it back!

Meanwhile, friends and family are nonchalantly taking 16 to 18 hour flights to touch down

Digvijay Singh, Anoothi Vishal and Mohammed Eliyaz

Chandini DP, Himanshu Asher and Radhika Mehra

on Indian soil for merely a week or so. It's mind-boggling to think that it takes one nearly 4 days to travel back and forth to far-flung lands and these dolts are here for a mere 4 or 5 days, to act like babes in the wood, but clued in enough to get treatment for their eyes, teeth and other sundry bodyparts by our 'cheap' and grossly-talented doctors and then, complain about the 'rotten' facilities of 'this country'! I am always told how my multifarious talents would be appreciated more in 'the abroad' and how happy this motley-crew is in 'the abroad' with clean air and wide roads! Ah well! I am well appreciated, content and happy in my own 'ooru' with its dirt, grime, corruption, and the 'world's best' doctors and friends. BOO-HOO! Jai-hind to me!

My weekend started on a great note with an invitation from fellow gourmand Aslam Gafoor and Himanshu Asher (Global Brand Ambassador of Paul John Single Malt) to dine at Riwaz, The Ritz-Carlton, on a meal curated by the Masterchef Asif Qureshi. They were unveiling two superlative new single malts and the lucky few, the discerning connoisseurs, were given the opportunity to have first dibs at it. There is something about dining on a fantastic array of Indian food, cleverly curated and effortlessly presented, to match the intense flavours of the single malt. Attentive service, coupled with great conversations and a masterclass by their whiskey expert who runs you through the flavour profile of the malt on your palate. I wonder how many of our 'phoren returnees' have opportunities like this in their adopted countries!

My wonderful Paul John dinner experience was followed by a much-looked-forward to dinner curated by my favourite food historian, Anoothi Vishal, and interpreted by the super talented chef, Mohammed Eliyaz at Conrad Bengaluru. The dinner with wines paired by the Grover Zampa Vineyards' collection was like being transported to all the corners of the globe with different flavour elements converging like a symphony, perfectly in tune with one another. The complexity of the dishes conjured up by both the maestros was magical. Sometimes, the meal and the ambiance have to be experienced. This was one such meal. Bravo to Conrad Bengaluru, GM Digvijay Singh, their chef and the team. As for Anoothi, her stories and the history of food both fascinate and engage the diner. Being an amateur 'food kathakar' (storyteller) myself, this dinner was just up my alley. Let food do the talking…

(The writer's views are personal)

FUEL MUSCLE GROWTH WITH RIGHT DIET

NUTRIWISE
Sadhvika Srinivas

(The writer is the director and chief nutritionist at LivStack Health and Performance, Chennai)

IN the pursuit of a stronger, leaner, and more muscular body, many individuals are turning to resistance or strength training. While lifting weights and working out at the gym play are critical in achieving fitness goals, it is nutrition that lays the real foundation for muscle growth, performance, and recovery.

Understanding strength training

Strength training involves challenging specific muscle groups by exercising against external resistance. This can be done using various tools such as dumbbells, resistance bands, kettlebells, body weight, or even household items like sand-filled bottles. The principle is simple: by progressively increasing the challenge to your muscles, they adapt and grow stronger.

However, intense training, especially during late hours, may have drawbacks like disrupting meal timings and affecting sleep quality, both vital for recovery and muscle development. Lack of sleep, diminishes the anabolic response, impairing muscle protein synthesis and slowing progress.

Nutrition goals

To get the most from workouts, gym-goers should focus on three nutrition goals:

- Fuelling training sessions
- Optimising recovery
- Promoting muscle hypertrophy (growth)

Meeting energy needs

Though strength training doesn't burn as many calories as endurance sports, it significantly boosts metabolic rate through increased muscle mass. Energy requirements typically range from 40 to 50 kcal per kilogram of target body weight. Adequate caloric intake ensures that the body has enough fuel for daily activities and supports the muscle-building process.

- **Protein: The building block**

Protein plays a starring role in muscle repair and growth. Recommendations for strength trainers range from 1.2 to 1.7 g per kg of body weight per day, with higher needs (up to 2.5 g/kg) during phases like bulking or cutting. Early stages of training see rapid muscle development, making protein intake particularly important. However, consuming protein beyond recommended levels doesn't provide additional benefits and may lead to fat gain due to excess calories.

- **Carbohydrates: Fuel for performance**

Carbohydrates are essential for maintaining glycogen stores. A pre-workout snack containing about 1 g of carbohydrates per kg of body weight, followed by 0.5 g/kg during prolonged training, helps sustain energy.

What about fats?

Strength athletes don't need more fat than the average person. However, including healthy fats from sources like nuts, seeds, avocado, and olive oil contributes to overall well-being and hormone balance.

Hydration matters

Staying hydrated is as important for strength trainers as for endurance athletes. Begin workouts well hydrated, sip water during exercise, and rehydrate afterwards to support recovery and performance.

The role of pre-sleep protein

Research suggests that consuming protein before sleep can significantly enhance overnight muscle protein synthesis. Around 40 grams of protein (casein or dairy-based protein), aids recovery, improves strength gains, and promotes satiety without affecting fat metabolism.

Supplement smartly

While whole foods should be the primary protein source, supplements offer a convenient option, especially post-workout. Whey protein is a popular choice due to its rapid absorption and effectiveness in stimulating muscle growth. Post-exercise, 20-30 g of whey protein is ideal.

To maximise gains, gym-goers must pay close attention to what they eat before, during, and after training. Smart timing, balanced macronutrients, and adequate sleep are just as important as lifting heavier weights. Remember, muscle is built not just in the gym, but also in the kitchen and during rest.

SHOW OF PROGRESS

Renowned city-based musician and frontman of rock band Thermal and a Quarter, Bruce Lee Mani speaks about his show - Works in Progress - set to happen in the city tomorrow and collaborating with artistes MD Pallavi and Paris-based Sumana

ANJALI RAM

BE it for a budding artist or a seasoned musician, Bengaluru has always been a city which welcomes experimentation and innovation in music. One such musician who embodies this spirit is singer-songwriter and guitarist Bruce Lee Mani, the frontman of Thermal and a Quarter, a rock band from Bengaluru that has been defining the city's musical landscape for over three decades. Blending this creativity and innovation, Mani is geared up to take the stage with acclaimed Hindustani classical singer MD Pallavi and Sumana, a popular singer-songwriter and live performer based in Paris, promising an experimental exploration of music.

With the upcoming performance aptly titled Works in Progress, Mani is set to bring a fresh perspective. "I'm doing a solo set of my new material – with a guitar, a piano, and vocals. The three songs that I'm presenting with Pallavi, we've been working on for the last two months. In fact, we're not yet finished. We'll be recording it immediately after the show. So it is literally up-to-the-minute stuff," Mani reveals.

Furthermore, in collaboration with Pallavi for the show, Mani has been working on a set featuring musical reimaginings of 12th-century Kannada poems in a contemporary format. "We are taking a chance on presenting this material because we have never performed it live," he shares.

Additionally, collaborating with Sumana, he notes how the performance will be a fusion of many genres. "She has a different approach; she's much in the modern-contemporary pop zone and it will be interesting to see what

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Bruce Lee Mani, singer-songwriter

her compositional approaches are to how we work together," he says.

The show will feature a mix of performances, including Mani's solo set with guitar, piano and vocals. "It's not just about entertainment, it's about having an experience that can be stimulating, that can challenge you, that can make you think differently," Mani explains.

Giving a sneak peek into the setlist, he reveals how the entire setlist is complete surprise package. "Some of the songs I'm doing have never been performed live before. In fact, I wrote a song yesterday that's going to be played tomorrow. That's in keeping in with the title," he shares. A die-hard Bengalurean, Mani credits the city for its impact on his work, saying "The city seeps into our work, into our lyrics, into the way we write, the way we speak, the way we sing: the city's laid-back vibe and open-minded audience make it the perfect setting for this musical experiment."

Reflecting on the genre of the upcoming show, Mani stresses how it cannot be termed as a single genre. "With Sumana, it's going to be very contemporary pop. My material is also pop, but there may be overtones of rock and more. With Pallavi, it's 12th century poems. So, you can call it some kind of fusion," he says. He also comments on the expectation of the surprise setlist that will be performed. "It's always a bit of a guessing game. But with trust in our ability and our experience, we present it with integrity and with professionalism," he signs off.

(Bruce Lee Mani will perform at The Blueroom on May 4 at 6pm. Tickets available on @theblueroom.blr on Instagram)

Hot Spot

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS

IDEAL TIME TO VISIT
During monsoon or pre-monsoon

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138km, around 2.5 hours drive

GETTING THERE
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TIMINGS
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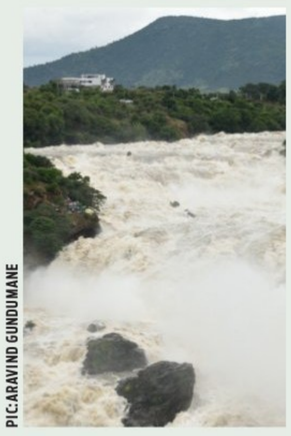
HIGHLIGHTS

Shivanasamudra Falls is actually a cluster of waterfalls, constituting the Bharachukki Falls in Kollegala and the Gaganachukki Falls in Malavalli. Visiting there during or after rain showers provides breathtaking glimpses of the roaring falls in full flow



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AFFIDAVIT
I, **V NEELAVATHAMMA** W/o. V Murahari, aged about 56 years, currently residing at No. 22, 7th Cross, Chanappanahalli, Doddanakundi Extension, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka, do hereby declare that **V NEELAVATHAMMA / M NILAVATHI** both the names pertain to me and one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 30.04.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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I, Raghu Prasad, son of Late Gundu Rao Venkatesha Murthy, aged about 55 years, presently residing at No. 165,166, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560097, do hereby declare that my name as per my old passport bearing No. F5251720 is **Raghu Prasad** and surname is **Gundu Rao Venkatesha Murthy** and in My Name as per my Aadhar Card is mentioned as only Raghu Prasad, there being no reference to my father's name or surname i.e. Gundu Rao Venkatesha Murthy. So I hereby declare that my name "**Raghu Prasad**" and surname "**Gundu Rao Venkatesha Murthy**" are and one and the same and pertaining to me alone, for all purposes in future vide affidavit dated 02.05.2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **A. R. Muneer Ahmed,** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SINDHU J**, D/o T D Jagadeesan, R/at No. 10/14-12, Muninarayanappa Garden, Park Road, Jeevanahalli, Cox Town, Fraser Town Post, Bengaluru-560 005 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SINDHU SABAPATHY** and **SINDHU JAGADEESAN** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **SINDHU SABAPATHY** to **SINDHU JAGADEESAN**, vide affidavit dated 28th April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUBARAK PASHA MAHABOOB**, S/o Mahaboob Pasha, aged about 39 years, Residing at No.22, 8th Main Road, New Gurappan Palya, Bangalore-560029, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **MUBARAK PASHA**, vide affidavit dated: 02.05.2025 before Notary **L.Gopalakrishna,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K PAVAN KUMAR** S/o A Somashekhar Reddy, aged 28 years, R/a#68, 4th Floor, 1st H Main Road, Kasturi Nagar, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to **A PAVAN KUMAR REDDY** vide affidavit dt. 02/05/2025 before Advocate & Notary **D Guna Shekar,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **RAMNARAYAN KHADE** S/o VISHAL RAMDAS KHADE aged about 18 years R/O #476/71 SHIVSADAN,64thcross,5thBlock Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560010 Have changed my name from **RAMNARAYAN To RAMNARAYAN KHADE** vide Affidavit Dated 02/05/2025 Before Advocate and Notary **KG Rajpal**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GIRISH (old name) S/o. Hampayya, date of Birth: 30-12-1986, residing at No. 853, 5th Cross, Near Cutis Hospital, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 040, have changed my name from **GIRISH** to **GIRISH H HIREMATH** vide affidavit dated 02.05.2025, sworn to before DEEPA. M, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru for all purposes.

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I, **MANJUNATH SUBRAMANIYA**, aged about 40 years, S/o. Subramaniya C M (Subramaniya Coimbatore Marayya) No. 13/10, 4th A Cross, 10th Main, Mariyappana Palya, Bengaluru-560023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUNATH SUBRAMANIAM** to **MANJUNATH SUBRAMANIYA,** vide affidavit dated 02.05.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Samyuktha Rani K.H**, D/o D.L.Krishnamurthy, W/o Rajeev Prakash, Aadhaar No.6120 0887 0379, Aged about 35 Years, Mobile No.9620009895, R/at: No.81, Aishwarya Nilaya, Maralubagilu Road, R.T.Street, Devanahalli Town-562 110, Bangalore Rural District, I herewith change my daughter name as **Kum. Moksha Prakash** from today onwards for all practical purposes instead of **Kum. B.Moksha Kiran** Vide Affidavit dated 29-04-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.Narayanaswamy** at Devanahalli -562 110.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESHA .B.S**, S/o. B.R.Seetharamaiah, residing at Villa No.13, Godrej-17, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Bellary Main Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru 560024,have changed my name to **B.S.VENKATESH**, vide Affidavit Dated: 01/05/2025, sworn before Notary **SIVAKUMARA.M.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YADUVEER .L**, S/o Lakshmaiah .M, age 38 years, R/at No. 156, Lakkur Village and post, Malur Taluk, Kolar District-563 160, today at Bengaluru do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAVEEN KUMAR .L** to **YADUVEER .L**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **YADUVEER .L** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th October 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHAL BHARADWAJ. S.P**, S/o S.PASUPATHI, Residing at Flat no. 1145, 15th Block, Janapriya Township, Kadabagere Post, Bengaluru District, Karnataka 562 130, I Have changed my name **VISHAL BHARADHWAJ.S.P TO VISHAL BHARADWAJ.S.P** before Advocate and Notary by **G DAYANAND**

CHANGE OF NAME
I. SAVANI ROHIT APTE W/o. ROHIT KESAV APTE Aged about 44 Year's Residing at Flat No.D604, Shriram Sahana Apartment, Doddaballpur Road, Opp BMSIT College, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560064, I declare that have changed my name from **KARANDIKAR ATMAJA BHALCHANDRA** and **ATMAJA** To **SAVANI ROHIT APTE,** vide affidavit dated 2/5/2025 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ABDUL JABBAR H, Aged about 19 years, S/o. Hithayathullah P, residing at No. SF-302, Royal Villa No. 17/6, Bethel Road, 5th Main HRBR Layout, 2nd Block Kalyananagar Bengaluru 560043. have changed my name from **ABDUL JABBAR to ABDUL JABBAR H.** vide affidavit dated: 02/05/2025, sworn before Notary Public, Uday Kumar K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Jyothi Lakshmi, wife of Raghu Prasad, aged about 49 years, presently residing at No. 165,166, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560097, do hereby declare that my name as per my old passport bearing No. F6090911 is **Jyothi Lakshmi** and surname is **Raghu Prasad** and in My Name as per my Aadhar Card is mentioned as only **Jyothi Lakshmi**, there being no reference to my father's name or surname i.e. Raghu Prasad. So I hereby declare that my name "**Jyothi Lakshmi**" and surname "**Raghu Prasad**" are and one and the same and pertaining to me alone, for all purposes in future vide affidavit dated 02.05.2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **A.R. Muneer Ahmed,** at Bengaluru.

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I, **Samyuktha Rani .K.H** D/o D.L.Krishnamurthy, Aadhaar No.6120 0887 0379, Aged about 35 Years, Mobile No.9620009895, R/at: No.81, Aishwarya Nilaya, Maralubagilu Road, R.T.Street, Devanahalli Town-562 110, Bangalore Rural District, I herewith change my name as **Samyuktha Rajeev Prakash** from today onwards for all practical purposes instead of **Samyuktha Rani K.H** Vide Affidavit dated 29-04-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.Narayanaswamy** at Devanahalli-562 110.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHWANATH SINGH,** residing at No.1/2, Church Road, M.V.Block, Marappa Garden, Bangalore North, J.C.Nagar, Bengaluru-560006 have changed my name to **VISHWANATH PRATHAP SINGH** ,vide affidavit dated: 02.05.2025 before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ZAFFIR AHMED** S/o Tousif Ahmed, aged 22 years, R/a No.245/D, D Block, 12th Cross, Govindapura Main Road, Opp. Farida Shoe Factory, Rashad Nagar, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to **ZAKI AHMED**, vide affidavit dt. 29/04/2025 before Advocate & Notary **N THULASI,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LATESH KUMAR** S/o PARASMAL aged 34years residing at No.101, Omkaar Residency Near Kote Jalakanteshwara Swamy Temple, Kalasipalyam, Bengaluru -560002 declare that I have Changed my name from **LATESH KUMAR** (Old Name) to **LATESH JAIN** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 29/04/2025 Sworn before Notary N K Lakshmana Bangalore. Henceforth I Shall be known as **LATESH JAIN** in all My Future Documents.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ALVISH ANAND KUMAR** (D-O-B: 24/07/1984), S/o. Shri Anand Kumar M., R/@ No.09, 1st A Cross, Punyabhoomi Layout, Kalkere, R.M.Nagar, Bengaluru- 560016, Karnataka India, have changed my name from **ALVISH ANAND KUMAR to ALVISH M.A (i.e. Alvish Mahimanathan Anand Kumar),** vide affidavit dated: 02/05/2025, sworn before Notary Public, Uday Kumar K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRAMODA HERUR GAMAYYA HEGDE W/o. U.L.Somegowda, residing at Uluvagilu, Kabbinahalli, Chikkamagaluru 577101, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **PRAMODA HERUR RAMAIAH HEGDE** vide Affidavit Dated: 02/05/2025 sworn before Notary S.I.BALAGURU, Bengaluru.

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'ANAND WAS MY DEBUT'S TITLE, GIVEN BY MY MOTHER'

A still from the film

...says Shivarajkumar, who turns teacher in the children's film *A for Anand*, with director Srini

A SHARADHAA

SHIVARAJKUMAR is taking a thoughtful detour. His next film, *A for Anand* positions him not as a hero in action sequences but as a teacher. Directed by Srini, *A for Anand* is envisioned as a children's film with a strong social intent. The film was officially launched on Friday with a simple yet symbolic ceremony. In a rarity at such an event, a child was invited to switch on the camera, and producer Geetha Shivarajkumar gave the ceremonial first clap. Children remained at the heart of the event, and young voices led the way—welcoming guests and singing songs that reflected the film's spirit.

Shivanna spoke candidly about his connection to the project. "This isn't just another film for me. It's emotionally special. Srini and I have been discussing this idea for years," he said.

Geetha Shivarajkumar added, "There's an undercurrent of purpose here. Today's education system is burdening children. *A for Anand* will explore how to teach and guide them differently, without stress or pressure."

The film's title carries a personal connection for Shivanna. "*Anand* was a title given by my mother for my debut. I hope this *Anand* brings joy to every child who watches it," he added.

For director Srini, who previously helmed the action hit Ghost starring Shivanna, this marks a genre shift. "From high-octane to heartfelt—this film is about family, childhood, and laughter. It's a challenge, but Shivanna's comic timing and natural rapport with kids make him perfect for this role."

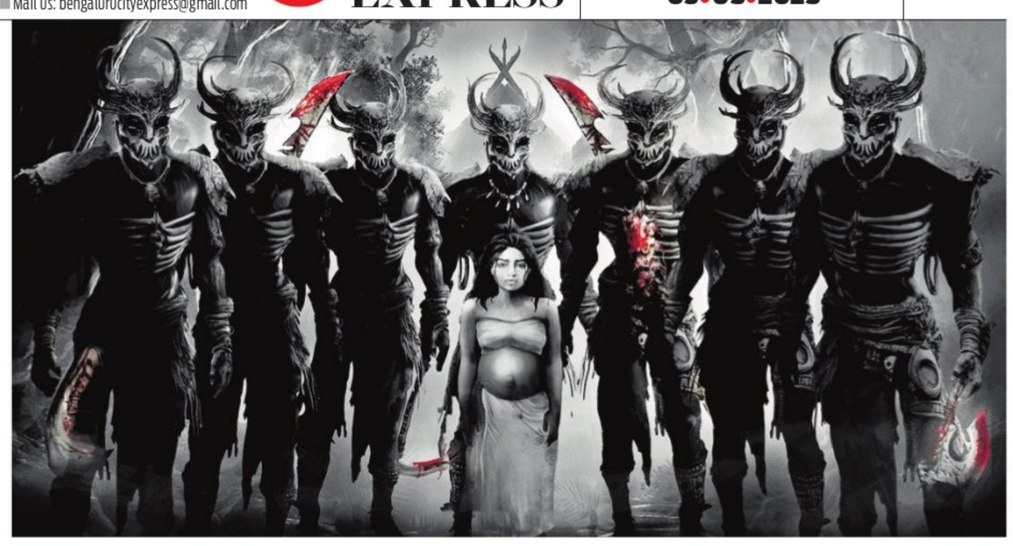
Backed by Geetha Pictures—the banner behind Vedha and Bhairathi Ranagal—*A for Anand* also reunites the technical team from Ghost, including cinematographer Mahendra Simha and editor Deepu S Kumar.

Dialogue writer Prasanna VM shared, "I'm not even as old as Shivanna's experience in the industry. But I'm honoured that the dialogues written by me will be rendered by him. His comic timing is incredible—he's like a child among children. We want to capture that spirit in this film."

Vasuki Vaibhav, who will compose the music for the film, said, "I feel glad to be a small part of this big tree that is Geetha Pictures. Earlier, I was fortunate to work on children's films like *Sa Hi Pra Shaale*, *Kasaragodu* and *Ondalla Eradalla*, which were hits and won National Awards too. I hope that success continues with *A for Anand*."

Filming is set to begin in October in the misty locales of Sagara near Shivamogga.

At the muhurat of A for Anand



AGNI CROWDFUNDS HIS DEBUT DIRECTORIAL RUDHIRVANA

CE FEATURES

AGNI'S transition from an IT professional to a filmmaker was a journey driven by passion, persistence, and a love for cinema. Once dabbling in YouTube, movie reviews, and short film experiments, Agni used his early digital presence as a foundation for his cinematic dreams. "I've always been passionate about storytelling," he says. "While working in the UK, I directed over 15 short films alongside my tech career. But everything changed when I entered a short film competition organised by Pawan Kumar." Agni is now excited to make his feature film debut with Rudhirvana.

"Some of my short films got me an internship on the film *Dvitva*. I left my job in Bournemouth and returned to India. Sadly, we lost Appu sir (Puneeth Rajkumar), and we couldn't move forward with the film, but by then, my heart was already set on filmmaking," Agni shares.

This commitment led Agni to work as an assistant director under Hemanth Rao on *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*, and later with director KM Shashidhar on the Malayalam film *Credit Score* before embarking on his feature film journey.

The first-time director, who quit his IT career to follow his passion, shares the journey of making his directorial venture

Rudhirvana is a horror-survival thriller set deep in a forest. "This isn't just about jump scares," Agni explains. "The film explores human greed and our urge to invade nature—represented through folklore demons and haunting violence."

He adds, "I developed three script ideas, but despite interest from production houses, none worked out. Eventually, I went the crowdfunding route and found support from like-minded cinema lovers. Even contributions as small as ₹1 made a difference."

He shares the concept poster, featuring a pregnant tribal woman surrounded by shadowy demon-like figures in a forest. "Who is she? Are they protecting or threatening her? Why the blood stains on their weapons? These characters and their motivations drive the film's story." The film stars Pavana Gowda as the lead, with Priya Shatamarshan of Bheema fame, Bala Rajwadi, and others.

For Agni, Rudhirvana will be a gripping, edge-of-the-seat experience. "As a filmmaker, I want to tell a story that feels fresh while respecting the audience's expectations. Filmmaking is always a compromise—you meet the audience halfway without losing your vision."

With Sachin Basrur scoring the music and Sandeep Valluri as the cinematographer, the set work is in progress, and the shoot will begin in the first week of May.

Agni

Heartfelt, sincere but needs more emotional heft

A SHARADHAA

PUPPY

Director: Ayush Malli

Cast: Aditya G, Jagadeesh K, Durgappa Kambli, Renuka Desai, and Aarav Lohith

AT first glance, *Puppy* might seem like just a simple, sweet story about a lost dog. But the film offers a sincere look at migration, innocence, and the realities of life for village families in the city. It is a story packed with meaning. The plot follows a group of families from Raichur, North Karnataka, who travel to Bengaluru as construction workers, hoping for better opportunities. We see the little things—dry chapatis packed for the road, kids doing math to count costs—that show the effort and planning that go into such a move. These details feel real and grounded.

The story is mostly told through the eyes of children. Parshya (JagThe story is mostly told through the eyes of children. Parshya (Jagadeesh) and Aadi (Aditya) meet at school in Bengaluru and quickly become close friends. Their friendship feels natural—full of jokes, mischief, and quiet support. Parshya's parents, Durgappa and Renuka, are construction workers. They work hard, say little, and live with quiet pride. Durgappa believes in work as worship—a value that runs through the family. Their life is not easy, but it's honest. The extended group of workers from the same village brings warmth and a sense of community. All of this is captured well—in run-down houses, messy surroundings, and even the continued practice of going in the open field to relieve themselves due to lack of toilets.

The scenes where the boys explore Cubbon Park, see the Vidhana Soudha, and try to understand the city's symbols show us how village children see the urban world—full of wonder but also confusion. Their small pigeon-selling plan is another key moment—they see pigeons as symbols of freedom, but one buyer refuses to let the bird fly. This moment challenges their beliefs in a way that stays with you.

When the boys find the missing dog poster, it creates a turning point. A ₹10,000 reward is announced for the dog, *Puppy*. For these children, whose families work all day for far less, the idea of such a reward is shocking. It raises quiet but strong questions about what is truly valued in a city like Bengaluru. At first, the two friends who go out to find the dog succeed in their mission and try to return it. But then Parshya has other plans and quietly switches off his father's phone. What does this mean? Is it a small act made out of confusion, or something deeper? The film doesn't explain—it lets us think.

The pandemic also makes a quiet appearance—not through dramatic scenes with masks, but through posters of Dia and Love Mocktail 2, hinting at the time period. COVID-19 once again pushes migrant workers to leave the city for their villages, showing how fragile their dreams really are.

However, the film does have its weak points. The bond between the boy and the dog feels rushed. Since Parshya spends only two days together, the emotional connection isn't strong enough to carry the final scenes. While the film tries to be heartwarming, the short time frame makes the ending feel a bit forced.

As for the performances, most of the actors are non-professionals from North Karnataka, and their natural way of speaking and behaving brings honesty to the screen. The only time the film feels less real is during the climax, where it tries to add drama that doesn't quite fit the rest of the story.

Director Ayush Malli brings together a story that is simple, yet quietly moving. While it doesn't fully explore the deeper emotional layers of migration or the children's inner worlds, it still gently reveals the silent struggles and small hopes that shape life on the margins of a growing city.

Puppy is not just about a lost pet—it's about people, especially those who are too often unseen. It's about the things they quietly lose, carry, and hope for. In the middle of city noise and rush, the film reminds us to notice the lives that pass silently—because sometimes, those lives hold the most meaning. With a little more emotional depth, *Puppy* could have left an even stronger mark.

Chaluve Gowda

Kantara Chapter 1 is strategically prepared for the prestigious Oscar awards: Chaluve Gowda

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CHALUVE Gowda, co-founder of Hombale Films, recently participated in the prestigious World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES Summit 2025), organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The event, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aimed to showcase the growth, innovation, and global opportunities within India's thriving media and entertainment sector.

Chaluve Gowda engaged in a lively discussion with renowned figures like A Sreekar Prasad, the editor of *RRR*, and Ujwal Nirgudkar, an Oscar committee member and technical advisor to the Indian Film Federation. He proudly shared insights into Hombale Films' international projects, and specifically mentioned that *Kantara Chapter 1* is being strategically prepared for the prestigious Oscar Awards, marking a significant step for the Kannada film industry on the global stage.

In his speech, Chaluve Gowda stressed the importance of educating filmmakers about the Oscar submission process. "There's a clear need for workshops on how to submit and promote films for the Oscars. With more awareness, Indian creators can make a bigger impact globally," he said.

Hombale Films, known for hits like *KGF*, *Kantara*, and Salaar, also played a key role at the summit's "WAVES Bazaar." This exciting marketplace brought together global buyers and sellers, fostering valuable cross-border collaborations. The Bazaar has quickly become one of the summit's most successful platforms.

Kantara Chapter 1, directed by Rishab Shetty—who also stars in the lead role—is almost finished with filming and is set to release on October 2. The film has generated much anticipation, adding to the buzz surrounding Hombale Films' growing international presence.

Maadeva locks release date

CE FEATURES

MAADEVA, directed by Naveen Reddy B and starring Vinod Prabhakar, is set to release across the state on May 30. Vinod Prabhakar, who has won hearts with his action-packed roles, appears in a rugged look in this film and takes on a role unlike any he has done before.

Produced by R Keshava (Devasandra) under the banner of Radhakrishna Pictures, the film brings back director Naveen Reddy after *Khaki*, for which he also wrote the story and screenplay. The film has music by Pradyotan, cinematography by Balakrishna Thota, editing by Vijay M Kumar, art direction by Guna, as well as stunt choreography by Thriller Manju, Different Danny, Real Satish, and Vikram More.

Maadeva features an ensemble cast that includes Sonal Monteiro in the female lead, opposite Vinod Prabhakar. Sreenagar Kitty plays a special role, with veteran actors such as Malashree, Shruti, Achyuth Kumar, Cockroach Sudhi, Mico Nagraj, Bala Rajwadi, Muniraju, and Chaitra also part of the cast.

Vinod Prabhakar